



Canalside Community Food
a community supported agriculture scheme

Job Title: Farm Volunteer Coordinator (Saturdays)

Salary: £13.44 per hour, casual worker

Working Hours: Part-time, 3 hours a week on Saturday mornings

Location: Canalside Community Food, Radford Semele

About Us

Canalside Community Food (CCF) grows fruit and vegetables for around 150 members, providing a share of the harvest all year round. We are a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) scheme: our members pay a regular subscription to the scheme and receive a share of the harvest, creating a close, mutually supportive relationship between the farm and the people it feeds. CCF is certified organic by the Soil Association.

Members take an active role in the farm and we currently hold a weekly mid-week volunteer morning, where attendees participate in the growing activities. We also hold regular Saturday volunteer events, members' socials, and various other events as well as open days for members and the public.

CCF is overseen by the Steering Group, comprised of employees and members of Canalside.

About the Role - Overview

After a hiatus, CCF wants to bring back the much-loved Saturday morning landwork volunteer session. The session will run 10am-12pm every Saturday, with half an hour setup and close-down time, and is open to all members.

This role requires excellent communication and organisational skills to plan landwork activities, coordinate tasks, and provide ongoing support and appreciation to volunteers, ensuring they have a rewarding experience.

The aims of the session are:

- To align with our mission of connecting with and engaging members in the production of local, seasonal, organic vegetables and fruit, and other farm activities
- To provide valuable extra hands on the land to help with seasonal growing, maintenance and land management tasks
- To foster a sense of community centered around the land and food growing

Job Description

Main Responsibilities

- Facilitate a weekly 2 hour volunteering session on the land every Saturday morning from 10am-12pm
- Set up and pack away resources for each session
- Work with members of CCF staff to understand the jobs list before each session
- Monitor group attendance and what was achieved for each session - feed back to staff
- Communicate any concerns or issues about volunteers or the sessions to staff
- Ensure the safety and wellbeing of group members including following CCF's health & safety and safeguarding policies

Person Specification

Essential

- Ability to lead the facilitation and coordination of the Saturday volunteer sessions on a weekly basis. Managing a diverse group of people with varying abilities and experience.
- Excellent people skills, approachability, strong communication abilities.
- Able to create a positive, enthusiastic atmosphere in which group members are encouraged to engage, learn new skills, and inspired to work hard.
- Experience and good working knowledge of growing organic vegetables at farm scale.
- Experience of managing volunteers
- A passion for community farming - a genuine interest in food, farming, and community is beneficial for this role
- Ability to use a range of hand tools and confidence to show others how to properly use and look after tools
- Self motivated and ability to prioritise and multitask, working under own supervision

Desirable

- First Aid trained with up-to-date certification
- Certification / licences in use of machinery e.g. strimmer, hedge cutter, chainsaw