Driver Volunteer



About us:

Woodlands Farm, located within the Royal Borough of Greenwich, is the largest city farm in the UK with an area of 89 acres of land. Run as a traditional working farm with conservation and education as its core values, it is an oasis of countryside in London.

We manage the land by grazing cattle and sheep in our wildflower and grass meadows and don't use any fertilizers or herbicides on the farm. The variety of habitats, animals, regular events and education activities run all year round offer lots of opportunities to learn and explore for visitors of all ages.

As a charity we are run predominantly by dedicated volunteers who, based on theirs skills and interests, support various projects from land management, animal care and handling, to education and conservation.

What we are looking for:

As a working farm we have to make regular visits to our suppliers and customers. Woodlands Farm Trust provides all vehicles necessary for these jobs.

We are looking for volunteers who have a licence that allows them to use a trailer, or an HGV or equivalent licence as stated above (minimum of Category B+E) and are happy to drive in London and outside it for the day.

What you will do in this role:

- You'll be a representative of the farm and interact with various clients and suppliers
- Keep a record of mileage incurred
- Transportation of livestock to and/or from the farm
- Collection or delivery of feeds
- Tractor work within Woodlands Farm grounds
- Trailer rides for visitors to the farm a few times per year as agreed with the team
- Maintenance of vehicles, trailer and tractor (e.g. fuel and basic maintenance checks)

What skills you need (essentials):

- Driving licence (minimum of Category B+E)
- A good level of fitness, good coordination and dexterity
- Ability to work well with others as well as on your own
- Responsible and reliable
- Good communication skills
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Ability to follow instructions
- Basic skills of mechanics and car maintenance
- Comfortable handling animals (experience handling animals is desirable)
- Be able to work within the policies and procedures of the Woodlands Farm Trust following all recommended Health and Safety procedures

What's in it for you:

You're going to work in a unique environment both on and off site. You will be the Farm representative and you will interact with various clients and suppliers (individuals or different industries/companies). You'll meet new people and work in a great team of volunteers. Working with us will help you to boost your CV and gain new skills.

A full induction will be provided for you in your first few days. Your volunteer manager will be there to help you and provide you with adequate training to help you fulfil your tasks and objectives.

How you can apply:

Send us an email to <u>admin@thewoodlandsfarmtrust.org</u> and let us know about your experience in the field, your motivation and your availability as well as a copy of your CV. We will get in touch with you within a week.

Extra information about the position:

- Location of role: Woodlands Farm, 331 Shooters Hill, Welling, Kent, DA16 3RP but you'll be traveling in various areas depending where our customers and suppliers are located.
- > **Reports to:** Farm Manager/Duty Director
- Duration of Role: We are looking for reliable long term volunteers which are happy to attend casual volunteer work
- > Availability: The driver volunteer role is an ad-hoc role
- > Age Requirement: Over 25 years

For more information contact Hannah or Jon at 020 8319 8900 or email at admin@thewoodlandsfarmtrust.org