



Food Officer, The Garden Classroom

Based in Kent, Sussex & London - candidates will need to be able to travel between locations

37.5 hours a week, 40 weeks per year (term time and 1 week in Easter holidays and May half term)
Six month contract, with potential to become a permanent payroll position

Gross salary: £26,000-28,000 p.a pro rata (£22,414-£24,138 p.a) depending on experience

Closing date: Friday 5th January 2024

Interview date: Wednesday 10th January 2024

Start date: Thursday 25th January 2024

Do you love cooking vegetarian food on an open fire? Do you have excellent administrative and communication skills? Do you enjoy working as part of a team? We are looking for someone who embraces cooking and administrative work to join our dynamic nature connection charity.



Who we are:

TGC (The Garden Classroom) is a multi-award winning charity committed to connecting urban communities to nature (www.thegardenclassroom.org.uk). The TGC Countryside Programme delivers high quality day and residential experiences for school groups to visit beautiful countryside locations. TGC enables children from all backgrounds to discover the joy and wonder of nature.

We are looking for:

An enthusiastic and energetic person to join our small and dedicated team as Food Officer, supporting the planning and delivery of the Countryside Programme and cooking at TGC countryside residentials and day visits. We are looking for a candidate who lives in London, Sussex or Kent and is flexible to travel between these locations for the role. While we welcome candidates with professional cooking experience and training, this is not a requirement for this role and we are happy to provide training.

The role involves:

- Cooking on our award-winning school camping residentials
- Planning inspiring delicious menus of child-friendly food
- Meeting high quality health and safety standards
- Administrative support with the planning and preparation of the TGC Countryside Programme

**A note on the hours for this role:**

This role involves some intensive periods of working when we have groups of children on residential with us. This is from May to July. Because of this, the total annual hours for the role will more intensively occur during these intense activity weeks, with significantly less hours per week needed in quieter months. The successful candidate will need to understand this and be happy to work in this way. Example: a peak activity week in June may take up 52.5 hours, and a week in January could be 30 hours only. You will be paid in equal monthly amounts based on a 37.5 hour week and hours will be monitored to add up across the year.

Essential

- Enjoy cooking for groups of people
- Enjoy being outdoors and camping
- Experience cooking on a campfire or willing to learn
- Interest in Forest School pedagogy and in working with children
- Excellent admin skills
- Motivated, self-starter and able to work independently
- Willingness to operate in different Countryside sites
- Willing to flex hours, working more in summer camping season and less in others
- Level 2 Food Hygiene or willing to obtain
- Driving licence or willing to obtain
- Current DBS on the update service or willing to obtain
- Up to date Outdoor First Aid qualification or willing to obtain

We encourage applicants from all sections of society and aim to ensure that our team is made up of a diverse range of individuals.

We encourage applicants to give us a call to ask questions and fully understand the role before applying. Please call Countryside Director Millie Darling on 07483 382763.

To apply for this role please email a CV and cover letter to millie@thegardenclassroom.org.uk.