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Associate College Principal.

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in joining Ruskin Mill Trust.

We are a charity founded in 1987 providing specialist day and residential education for young people with complex behaviour and learning difficulties and disabilities including autistic spectrum conditions whose needs cannot be met in mainstream settings.

Ruskin Mill Trust has developed its unique brand of expertise, Practical Skills Therapeutic Education using the insights of Rudolf Steiner, John Ruskin and William Morris. This method provides students with holistic learning by role modelling positive relationships in the fields of arts, crafts, commerce, agriculture, nutrition, living skills and the environment. By immersing students with the productive aspects of our curriculum, they learn to overcome their barriers to learning and to care for their own wellbeing and development improving their independence levels and contributing to society.

As a charity, Ruskin Mill Trust sets itself apart from other specialist providers by embedding this approach with informed research and a training culture up to Master's level delivered through our own research centre. This centre provides opportunities for all staff to develop in their profession. In addition, the Trust also underwrites research at PhD level at universities across the UK.

Our vision is that each individual has the potential to shape their own future and our staff to demonstrate openness, goodwill, tolerance as well as treat individuals with dignity and respect.

The Associate College Principal is a senior position working with the Executive Principal to provide cohesion across the college in which the vision and method of Practical Skills Therapeutic Education is secured through excellent practice. All staff have a responsibility for the safeguarding and well-being of our students with the overall aim of helping the young person to work toward independence and achieve a meaningful lifestyle.

I hope that the insights I have shared above inspire you take your application forward and join Ruskin Mill Trust in making a difference to young people with special needs.

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Founder and Executive Chair of Trustees

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