

## **Freeman College - Ruskin Mill Trust**

Ruskin Mill Trust operates nine provisions that provide innovative and experiential education for young people with special learning needs, developed out of the inspiration of Rudolf Steiner, William Morris and John Ruskin

Applications are invited for the following post that will be based in **Sheffield**.

### **High Riggs Biodynamic Land Manager**

**Salary: Grade 10:11 £30,841.29 - £34,903.61 + Accommodation Support**  
**Salary dependent on experience and qualifications.**

As the Ruskin Mill Trust's network of biodynamic practitioners continues to grow across the UK, Freeman College are advertising a biodynamic management role at our High Riggs site in Sheffield. The High Riggs site in Sheffield is a multi-purpose site that provides outdoor education for SEN students from Freeman College, grows vegetables, fruit and salad using biodynamic method. The produce is used in Ruskin Mill Trust kitchens and sold to the local public. The site has contracts to grow specific items for Weleda and generate seeds for the Seed Association. In the past academic year, the site has expanded into animal husbandry with chickens on the site.

As well as managing the land the role will include leading a land team of land workers, supporting BD trainees and volunteers as required, building on the good links already forged with the community and for two days a week delivering education sessions for students, particularly around animal husbandry.

For your application to be successful, it is essential that you have had experience of animal husbandry to at least a small holding level. Our ideal candidate would also be a recognised Biodynamic practitioner with a teaching qualification, however, on appointment, we are able to put in place a training programme to support your professional development. A requirement of the role would be completing the Trust's training programme in Biodynamic agriculture if you are not already trained.

The role will involve working with young people who present behaviour that can challenge us. It is important of any application that we understand your past experience of working with special educational needs and challenging behaviour.

In order to ensure sufficient care of the animals you will be expected to relocate within 5 minutes' drive of the High Riggs site and you will be given support toward your accommodation with the expectation that you will feed the animals at the weekends. You must also accept that animals you raise may be sent to slaughter so the meat can be sold and that you will be expected to use Biodynamic preparations that use animal products.

It would be possible to arrange site visits to High Riggs so you can properly understand the role, to do so please contact Pieter Van Vliet on 07975 793 193

Ruskin Mill Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a DBS Enhanced Disclosure. The Trust is committed to becoming an equal opportunities employer.

**Closing date for applications: 12pm Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**

**Please be prepared for interviews to start week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

To download an application pack, please visit our website [www.rmt.org/jobs](http://www.rmt.org/jobs) or contact: Laura Pattison, Department of Human Resources, Freeman College, 88 Arundel Street, Sheffield, S1 2NG. Telephone 0114 252 5978 or email [recruitment@fmc.rmt.org](mailto:recruitment@fmc.rmt.org)

