Ruskin Mill College provides innovative and experiential education and training for young people marginalised by disadvantage, exclusion or special learning needs. Inspired by Rudolf Steiner, William Morris and John Ruskin, the college actively promotes, through craftsmanship and entrepreneurship, the traditional economic activities of the Cotswolds.

INTERNAL VACANCY
Ruskin Mill Valley Horticulturist/Gardener (restoration project)

40 hours per week
Secondment – 6 months until the end of August 2022
Grade 6-7 FTE Salary £20,324.99 to £23,603.48 per annum
(subject to qualifications and experience)

This is a temporary secondment in the Ruskin Mill Valley, the aim of the role is to maintain and improve the aesthetics of Ruskin Mill Valley in conjunction with the senior land manager and founder for Ruskin Mill Trust with regards to managing the land, lakes, ponds and ornamental flower beds and landscape.

The key duties in this role will include:

1. To ensure the restoration and development of the Ruskin Mill Valley to show case the aesthetics of the Trust to members of the public and students, staff and visitors.

2. To work with the Senior Land Manager to plan the project ensuring that priorities are shared and work plans represent the priorities.

3. To manage the land, ponds, and ornamental flower beds of Valley landscape, maintain and develop all areas of the site using biodynamic/organic agriculture principles and methodology.

4. To develop all flower borders, beds and lake areas to a high standard of beauty and interest. This will include following the present design of the garden in conjunction with the Senior Land Manager and the founder and CEO of Ruskin Mill.

5. Undertake general maintenance of the gardens to a high standard to ensure the valley maintains a well-kept environment, making sure there is continuity of “beauty both in and out of term time.

You must have experience of biodynamics.

You may also be expected to attend training sessions as required by the Trust, which may be outside of your usual working hours.

There is the potential of relocation expenses for the successful candidate.

The post is subject to satisfactory references, an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for both adults and children, medical check, evidence of qualifications plus verification of the right to work in the UK. Ruskin Mill College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

We reserve the right to close this vacancy early should the right candidate be found.