

Fairhill Rise is a new initiative operated by Seòl Trust, part of Ruskin Mill Trust. Utilising the 35 years of experience of working with young adults with learning difficulties and associated needs, Fairhill Rise offers a work skills development programme as part of an adult social care offer for individuals over the age of 16.

For over 30 years, Ruskin Mill Trust has provided Specialist Independent Education to children and adults with complex needs including learning difficulties, autistic spectrum conditions and disabilities. Our provisions offer both day and residential placements and applications. Inspired by Aonghus Gordon using the insights of Rudolf Steiner, John Ruskin and William Morris, Ruskin Mill Trust works with hand, head, heart and place to provide students with the tools to transform material and in doing so transform themselves.

Land Manager and Grower

Fairhill Rise, Pishwanton Woods

40 Hours / 52 weeks

Grade 8:9:10 Salary £25,188 to £32,139 dependent on experience

Weekend working required on a rota basis for animal care

We are inviting applications for the opportunity to become a key member of the team which will build and develop Fairhill Rise.

Fairhill Rise is set in a landscape of woodland and meadows and currently focuses on the development of the site and production of vegetables, fruits, salads and herbs grown using biodynamic methods. The produce will be processed and used in line with our “seed to table” approach or as part of social enterprise projects.

We provide a rich cultural and social experience with meaningful practical activities and engagement at the centre of our practices. We offer a range of vocational qualifications in order to develop and evidence employability skills for the adults we work with.

To undertake this position successfully you will have:

- We are looking for an experienced grower/horticulturalist to manage the sustainable production of fruit, vegetables and herbs on our holding and support the work with adults with additional needs as well as volunteers.
- An interest and understanding of sustainable and sensitive woodland management is preferable.
- You must have proven experience of growing a range of produce for commercial sale and have a flexible approach to work as the work pattern will vary depending on the needs of the land.

The role will involve working with adults who may present behaviour that can challenge us. It is important of any application that we understand your past experience of working with individuals with additional needs and challenging behaviour.

Ruskin Mill Trust is committed to protecting and promoting the welfare of children and young people and adults, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants are required to register with SSSC (Scottish Social Services Council) as necessary, become a member of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme, and undertake necessary vetting and reference checks.