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| <b>Department</b>   | Ouseburn Farm Volunteering                                   |
| <b>Availability</b> | 3 to 6 hours per week (or more if you can offer)             |
| <b>Location</b>     | Ouseburn Farm Charity Ltd, Ouseburn Road, Newcastle, NE1 2PA |
| <b>Category</b>     | Learning difficulties and Disabilities                       |

#### **Role purpose**

As a Support Buddy, you will provide individual assistance to people with disability/learning difficulty who attend the farm, by supporting them to accomplish their routine tasks. Our trainees work in various areas of the farm, including livestock, horticulture, catering and cooking, arts and crafts, photography and creative arts. Volunteers are required to work directly with trainees to assist in promoting skills development, lift their spirits and encourage independence by ensuring the process is enriching. Specific tasks will depend on the needs of the work area and abilities of the person with disability. Volunteers are allocated no more than two trainees to work with throughout the session.

#### **Role responsibilities**

- Motivate and provide general support to our existing adult placements with disabilities/learning difficulties in performing day to day tasks in various areas of the farm
- Helping with the general welfare, health and safety of our placements
- Encouraging a proactive approach to learning and development
- Finding creative ways for placements to develop their skills and independence

#### **Knowledge, skills and experience**

- Composed personality with strong interpersonal and social skills
- Caring and positive nature
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Reliability and flexibility to work on a range of tasks
- Willing to commit to this role for at least 6 months for a minimum of one session per week
- Experience working within the disability sector (desirable but not essential)
- Experience in working in a community setting (desirable but not essential)

#### **Check requirements**

All volunteers working with vulnerable adults/children will be required to complete a DBS check

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### Learning and development

- Complete safeguarding adults learning modules online as required
- Attend Ouseburn Farm Volunteer Induction, Program Training and ongoing training as required
- Attend scheduled volunteer meetings

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### General Information

- We act always in accordance with the Ouseburn Farm Code of Conduct policy
  - We are a Safe Place organization, and all volunteers are required to comply with the relevant procedure
  - We comply with the Workplace Health and Safety management system
  - We demonstrate skill, knowledge and behaviour to work with vulnerable adults in a respectful and enriching way
  - Volunteers will be reimbursed for travel, and volunteers attending for a full day will be offered free lunch and refreshments
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