



Youth Committee Role Description

Overview	At Surrey Docks Farm young people are important assets to our organisation. We work closely with young people to make their experiences here worthwhile, helping them to become active and happy members of their local community. We support young people to make decisions that shape their lives, have new opportunities and share and reflect on their time at the Farm. The Youth Committee is made up of local young people from each of our youth clubs. Meeting ten times a year, the committee guides the decision making processes of the youth services at the Farm, including Young Farmers and Greenagers. Members of the Committee use their own experiences to champion the needs of other young people, make decisions about the youth engagement at the Farm and in the wider community. Having the voice of young people at the heart of the Farm's decision making processes means we can make improvements each year. We value creativity, thoughtfulness, respectfulness and being community minded. We support the best ideas coming to life through the Youth Committee.
Person specification	We welcome and encourage applications from anybody who is currently involved in the Farm between the ages of 8 - 18. We are particularly interested in applications from young people who identify as young carers, are ethnic minorities or have disabilities. During selection and interview, the Youth Committee will pay particular attention to how well you meet the following criteria: - You need to be able to represent the key ideas or concerns of young people in your group to the Farm staff and Management Committee at each meeting - You are committed to making the Farm a better place for all young people - Your behaviour, actions and opinions are supported by your peers - You are passionate about your community and helping others - You are respectful and polite

	- You are excited about representing the Farm to a high standard at the AGM and external events - You are able to attend Committee meetings on a monthly basis (times to be confirmed)
Role Description	Youth Committee members: - Acquire an understanding of how to finance projects or ideas, researching the costs involved and exploring fundraising options - Are excellent role models to their peers, providing support and championing the youth voice at the Farm - Have the opportunity to represent young people and their primary concerns, ideas and successes at Youth Committee meetings - Gain an understanding of how to test the vigour of an idea using the SMART goal setting method - Have the opportunity to consult with project participants about what is working well and what needs to be improved - Experience leading a feedback session, recording the outcomes and implementing changes - Make important decisions which will shape the future opportunities and outcomes for young people at the Farm - Represent the Farm at meetings, events and festivals
What will you get in return?	The Farm appreciates the time, effort and ideas Youth Committee members bring to the organisation. In return you will receive: - Support from the Farm Manager and your Youth Worker to carry out your role - An AQA Unit Award in Youth Leadership - The chance to attend workshops or talks by experts in topics decided by the Youth Committee - The chance to represent young peoples' views and gain public speaking skills at events and meetings e.g. Southwark Council's Nature Action Plan or pitching for funding - Invitations to represent the Farm at special events e.g. the Lord Mayor's Show - New skills to evidence on your CV for future study or work - The chance to shortlist and interview subsequent members of the Committee, gaining an insight into fair recruitment processes

Role Frequency	Youth Committee members are in post for one year and on average ten meetings are held each year. Meetings are usually held on a Thursday or Friday after school.
Application procedure	Interested candidates should make sure they've read this FAQ document and the Youth Committee Role Description document available on the Farm's website. When you're ready, please complete the short application form here. Applications will be reviewed by the current Youth Committee. Candidates will be shortlisted to be invited to an informal interview with members of the Youth Committee who will ask all candidates the same questions about how they meet the essential criteria for the post.
Further information	For more information, please see the FAQ page on the Farm's website here or speak to the Farm Manager or your Youth Worker for more information and support.