



Roots to Green Living Education Officer Ealing & Hillingdon
11 month contract: September 2014 to July 2015

Fees: £12.50 per hour, for a maximum of 336 hours.

The Education Officer will work closely with four primary schools in Ealing and Hillingdon during school term time only, providing up to 77 hours per school of support.

They will provide each of the schools with at least one day per month of assistance and will start by agreeing on some initial actions to help improve opportunities for environmental education in the school grounds. Once agreed, the initial work may well include:

- helping with setting up new gardens
- growing vegetables
- improving the school's appearance
- working with the school's eco/ gardening club, along with interested teachers to create new wildlife areas in the school - perhaps a pond or a wild bird feeding area for example.

The Roots to Green Living Education Officer will also work with the schools to improve the integration of environmental education into the schools' Curricula.

Working times in schools are likely to be between 9am and 3.30pm, but the Education Officer will be able to agree their specific work dates with the schools. We do not expect the Education Officer to work in the school holidays and we will not pay a salary during the holidays. The Education Officer will report to YPTE's Director on a monthly basis (an allowance of 28 hours of paid reporting time is included), though there is an open channel of communication should advice or assistance be required more urgently.

The Roots to Green Living Education Officer needs to have:

- Enthusiasm for and strong knowledge of the natural world
- Great communication skills
- Experience of working with young people, preferably as a teacher
- Proven skills in gardening
- Ability to deliver practical projects of the kind outlined above
- Ideally, but not essentially, they should have a teaching qualification.
- They should be used to working with adults and if necessary managing adult volunteers
- Good time management
- Knowledge or willingness to learn how environmental education can be integrated into the National Curriculum.
- Experience of working with volunteers and/ or a willingness to uphold the Volunteer Management Charter in dealing with volunteers

An allowance of £15 per day will be paid for travel to and from schools.

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As this job involves working with children, the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

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