



Job Description

Position Type:	Volunteer
Reports to:	Development Manager
Based at:	Primary and secondary schools in Southwark
Working Hours:	Flexible: January - July 2019
Salary:	Unpaid - expenses only

Background

School Food Matters (SFM) is a registered charity. Our mission is to ensure that every child enjoys fresh sustainable food at school and understands where their food comes from. To achieve this we campaign to improve school meals and devise, develop and deliver food education programmes for schools.

[Healthy Zones](#) is a brand new programme in partnership with Guy's & St Thomas' Charity looking at childhood obesity. Healthy Zones focuses on the London boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark, where obesity rates are among the highest in the country. We are working closely with three schools - two primary schools and one secondary school - to help them to develop a good food culture and become Healthy Zones. We are working with expert gardeners and food teachers who will lead teachers through tailored gardening and cooking sessions to help increase their skills and confidence.

These school will also take part in our Young Marketeers programme. Children learn how to grow veg from seed and how to cook with their home-grown produce, and to further extend the food culture of the school, we invite parents to join their children for a cooking session. The Young Marketeers programme culminates in July with a Market Day at East Street Market where children from our three schools celebrate their hard work, share stories with their local community and raise some money for their schools' food education programmes by selling their fresh veg.

To enrich this programme, we're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support delivery. These volunteer roles offer a fantastic opportunity to get hands-on experience of a food education programme that encompasses growing, cooking and selling.

We will be delivering food education sessions to a variety of audiences:

- Primary school children
 - Secondary students
 - Primary school children and their parents
 - Primary school teachers
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Key tasks

Cooking sessions

- Meet SFM chef at school
- Help to set up food room ready for the session
- Assist with guiding and teaching students / adults
- Take photos of the session following guidelines
- Hand out feedback forms and collect feedback from students /adults
- Record the year group and number of students and teachers present

Food growing sessions

- Meet SFM gardener at school
- Assist with getting session set up
- Assist with guiding and teaching students/adults
- Take photos of the session following guidelines
- Record the year group and number of students and teachers present
- Hand out feedback forms and collect feedback from students /adults

Market Day

- Support SFM staff to liaise with market staff
 - Check arrivals of students and teachers
 - Support students whilst they are selling
 - Gather feedback from participants
 - Record the year group and number of students and teachers present
 - Take photos of Market Day following guidelines
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Person specification

Skills and Competencies

- Experience of cooking or gardening with children or young people or professionally
- Experience of or interest in working with school students
- Excellent oral communication skills
- Excellent organisational skills
- An interest and enthusiasm for the charity sector and SFM's mission!

Essential

- Reliability, punctuality, common sense and a professional attitude to work
 - A commitment to complete the agreed programme of work.
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Applying for this job

Once you have thoroughly read this Job Description and had a careful look at our website, please send your **CV and a covering letter (no more than one side of A4)** telling us:

- how you heard about this opportunity
- why you want to volunteer with us
- what makes you suitable for this role based on the person specification and key tasks

Applications must be submitted electronically to delela@schoolfoodmatters.org

Please note:

School Food Matters is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare children and young people and expects all employees to share this commitment. If you are offered employment, you may be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service record check by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

School Food Matters is committed to recruiting staff on merit. We will endeavour to make new opportunities available to a wide variety of eligible candidates to promote diversity and equality of opportunity.

School Food Matters is only able to employ people who are entitled to work in the UK and cannot assist with work permit or immigration issues. We are unable to help find accommodation in London.
