



## Education Volunteers x 5

<b>POSITION:</b>	Education Volunteer
<b>SALARY:</b>	Voluntary with shared accommodation available
<b>RESPONSIBLE TO:</b>	Education Manager and Volunteer Coordinator
<b>VOLUNTEER HOURS:</b>	35 hours per week
<b>DURATION OF PLACEMENT:</b>	6 months (Starting April 19 <sup>th</sup> 2015)

Embercombe is a charity and a social enterprise on a 50 acre site in the Haldon Forest overlooking Dartmoor. We believe that everyone can make a difference in the world, whether in their family, in their home, in their community, in their workplace, in their business or their society. That we all have something that we can bring that can create a more beautiful world. Because of this, we welcome and work with people from all walks of life.

Our education initiative aims to Inspiring young people to want to thrive in school, at home and in their community. Our commitment is to develop the whole person, stimulating the head, heart and hands; stretching the imagination, exploring the senses and challenging what is possible. We draw on nature and the outdoors as the inspiration for the arts, adventure and learning through doing. Our programmes encourage young people to be seen, make choices and speak out, recognising the need for a culture of care, community and self responsibility in our ever changing world.

Becoming an education volunteer at Embercombe is a fantastic opportunity for anyone looking to get hands on experience delivering experiential land based education. We need 4 enthusiastic, positive and motivated education volunteers to work alongside our experienced education team to run our education programmes from **mid April to Mid October 2015**. Our programmes are wide reaching and you will have the opportunity to work with many different groups. With primary pupils, helping them to make sense of their world perhaps following the journey of their food from seed to plate or creating their own pizzas in our outdoor clay fired pizza ovens. You will work with teenagers on our LEAP and Enrichment programmes; supporting young people to stand out from the group and think about the adult they want to be whilst engaging in essential tasks on the land and gaining skills for resilience in the woodland. Our initiative also works with teachers as part of the Growing Devon Schools Partnership and with teachers in training at both Exeter and Plymouth Universities. This summer we will be hosting and assisting in the delivery of Lifebeat creative land camp and Root camp, a camp centred around food and it's preparation, both of these are for teenagers predominantly from inner city areas.

This really is an invaluable opportunity for anyone looking to enter the field of outdoor education or for those more conventionally trained who want to chart a new course away from classroom based methods. With opportunities to take part and assist in a variety of creative land based activities like felting and cob making to learning to make fires with

natural materials and games to aid nature connection. Volunteers will see programme delivery from all angles, joining team debriefs and staff meetings during programmes. Applicants will also have the opportunity to receive Lifebeat's creative facilitation training.

Our education volunteers will work as part of a closely collaborative team so it is essential that candidates are able to work well as part of a team.

Education Volunteers will join the Embercombe team, assisting with other essential tasks needed for the day to day running of our 50 acre site out of programme time. Placements will run from April 19<sup>th</sup> to October 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 shared accommodation in yurts will be available.

Applicants will be subject to a DBS check.

### **Main responsibilities and areas of work**

- Assisting the education team in the delivery of our land based education programmes
- Assisting the education team in the preparation, set up and clear up for our education programmes.
- Helping to keep kit located and in good order.
- Attending pre programme meetings and morning staff meetings during programmes and debriefs afterwards.
- Undertaking any other duties as may be assigned from time to time, eg writing a blog or filling out evaluation forms with young people
- Out of programme time where needed engage in the essential work of Embercombe
- Flexible working approach which will include working some weekends and regular evenings

Please complete and send the application form (available to download online) to [katie@embercombe.co.uk](mailto:katie@embercombe.co.uk)

**Closing date: Wednesday 25th March 2015**