CONCUKMTV02-24 – 10/06/2024 – 10/12/2024 YMCA FAIRTHORNE MANOR – NURSERY PLACEMENT 1 VOLUNTEER

Work: Kids/Sports Vols: 1/2 Age: 18+ Location: Southampton, England Requirements: VEF, CGC, 2 References, YMCA Forms



PROJECT:

The YMCA Fairthorne is offering the opportunity to

international volunteers to carry out a 6 month project with starting dates on June the 10th and will provide you with valuable experience and training to run a variety of activities with children in a nursery setting.

Here is what the host says: "Each year we welcome thousands of visitors to YMCA Fairthorne Manor's 94 acre site on the South Coast. The site includes sweeping grounds, mature woodland, a lake, access to the River Hamble and a range of exciting outdoor activities. It's a place of firsts, whether it's a toddler playing in the mud, being away from home, new activities or a school trip to remember. Enabling young people to grow and thrive is only made possible with the help of top-notch volunteers from around the globe. Can you help add the sparkle to everything we do? Volunteer with us to help support happy, healthy lives for all."

About the YMCA

The YMCA started in 1844 in London and has grown to become a worldwide organisation with 45 million members in 125 countries. The YMCA has adapted to the needs of today and works with all ages, races, religions and cultures. Each YMCA now operates on a local scale, delivering services that meet the needs of their local community, in keeping with the wider organisation's values and aims. At YMCA Fairthorne Group, they are proud to be affiliated with the wider YMCA movement – the world's largest and longest-running youth charity.

The YMCA Fairthorne Group operates throughout Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton from 30 venues. Their programmes include 14 early years settings, school holiday Daycamps, community activities, residential centres, camping and housing for young people.

Part of the YMCA Fairthorne Group, YMCA Fairthorne Manor, provides a wide range of programmes on-site, including high quality childcare for children aged 0-5yrs, school holiday Day-camps, residential programmes for groups, a family campsite and community activities.

WORK:

Throughout your time volunteering with the YMCA Fairthorne you will help to deliver the highest quality of care and curriculum in line with the 'YMCA way' and regulated guidelines. Keeping the YMCA core values at the heart of everything they do, Welcoming, Active,

Listening, Inspiring, Caring and Exciting. As a volunteer, you will inspire the youngest participants, through delivering a exciting, child led, play based curriculum utilising the outdoors where-ever possible! From taking children on walks to explore nature, to eating and teaching around a campfire, you will be there to support young children as they challenge themselves and develop throughout their time at YMCA Fairthorne Manor Nursery.

YMCA Fairthorne Manor are looking for a volunteer who:

- Knows how to have fun!

- Wants to make friends from all over the world.

- Love being outside no matter the weather

- Enjoy inspiring children and young people (if you have experience of volunteering with young people this would be excellent!)

- Want to help make a difference to the community Want to learn new skills and improve on the amazing ones you have already!

- Like the idea of your days and tasks being varied

- Love the idea of making every visit to YMCA Fairthorne special and one they will remember forever!

All volunteers will receive a small cash payment of £420 to spend on items they wish.

ACCOMMODATION: Volunteers will be allocated a basic room, which may be shared with up to 4 other volunteers/instructors. Three meals a day will be provided in the dining room and there are toilet and shower facilities and a washing machine.

Please note, do not expect a 5* hotel! Fairthorne is more like a youth hostel with dormitorystyle accommodation and basic facilities.

YMCA Fairthorne will provide the following for all volunteers: - Full training and development opportunities - 3 meals a day - Accommodation in shared dormitory style rooms. - The chance to work with a really varied community - Loads of fun in the great outdoors - The chance to build friendships that last a lifetime - Learn new skills to stand you in good stead for many careers - Mentoring from our experienced staff team - The opportunity to learn about, and be part of, a huge international YMCA movement - YMCA uniform to ensure you feel part of the team

LOCATION: YMCA Fairthorne encourage all volunteers to take the chance to get out and Explore the UK. YMCA Fairthorne is situated just outside of Southampton and less than two hours from London.

Situated in a 94 acre land in Botley, it truly is a stunning landscape where volunteers can enjoy the nature, but also not to far away from Southampton which is one of the biggest Cities on the South Coast where volunteers can do the following:

- Shopping
- Visit the Solent Sky Museum
- The theatre
- Southampton Football Club Go to a game!

- Visit the Tudor houses

- Travel to Stonehenge

TERMINAL: Nearest airport: London or Southampton Airports - **Nearest train station:** Botley train station

WORKING HOURS: You will work Monday-Friday and have Saturdays and Sundays off. Your hours of work will be any set period between 7.45am-6.00pm, some evening work will also be required.

HOW TO APPLY:

- All applicants must request an application pack and send a completed <u>VEF</u>, <u>YMCA</u> <u>application form</u> + <u>two professional references</u>, including one from their most recent school/ college or employer.
- Zoom Interviews: will be arranged individually
- After Zoom interview, if confirmed on the project, they should send a <u>certificate of good</u> <u>conduct /police check</u> from your home country

UK VISA COSTS:

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens must apply for a VISA through the new UK points-based system taking affect from 1 January 2021. This is a charity workers visa – Concordia and the host will provide you with assistance in this VISA application.

The cost for the VISA will be £298 for volunteers from the following countries:

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden or Turkey.

Non-EU citizens must also apply for a charity workers visa and the cost will be approximately **£298**.

EXTRA FEE: £50 (GBP) - a small contribution to Concordia's administration fees.