
VACANCIES FOR VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR/VOLUNTEER SUPPORT ASST. & LEARNING SUPPORT ASST.

The Unicorn Centre, based in Hemlington, Middlesbrough is a member group of the Riding for the Disabled Association UK, providing riding therapy and opportunities for learning, achievement and fun for disabled children and adults. The Centre has modern purpose-built facilities, and delivers Diplomas in Work Based Horse Care & Riding at Levels 1 & 2.

The Centre also runs a multi-award winning Supported Volunteer Programme.

The Volunteer Co-ordinator post is full-time combining the Volunteer Support Assistant role or 3 days per week otherwise. This position will involve promoting volunteering at the Unicorn Centre and managing all aspects of recruitment, induction, co-ordination and on-going training.

The Volunteer Support Assistant position/s is part-time for 5.5hrs per day and will involve supporting participants on the Supported Volunteer Programme on a 1:1/1:2 basis.

The Learning Support Assistant position is part-time up to a maximum of 18hrs/week over 3 days and is term-time only and temporary for the duration of the 2016/17 academic year. It will involve working to support a Diploma learner on a 1:1 basis including scribe support.

These positions are subject to enhanced DBS checks and require an equine qualification plus experience of working with/supporting people with disabilities. Please telephone 01642 576222, or e-mail enquiries@rdaunicorncentre.co.uk for further details

To apply for any position please send an up-to-date copy of your CV complete with covering letter marked Private & Confidential and addressed for attention of Claire Pitt, Centre Manager at the Unicorn Centre, Stainton Way, Hemlington, Middlesbrough TS8 9LX. No email applications accepted.

Closing date for applications for both posts: 5pm Monday 14 November 2016, with interviews to be held on the Tuesday and Wednesday of that week

The Unicorn Centre is purpose-built for providing riding and therapy for the disabled. A lottery grant of £1.16 million enabled this state-of-the-art facility to be constructed, which includes indoor and outdoor arenas, integral stabling, and all disabled facilities. It opened in April 1998 with an official opening by HRH The Princess Royal later that year in November. A new education suite and office costing approximately £160,000 was added to the Centre's facilities in 2003 using funding from The Community Fund and the former Tees Valley TEC. Almost 200 riders use the facilities each week assisted by about 130 volunteers and 13 staff. The Centre currently has Diploma students on Level 1 and 2 Horse Care courses, with increasing numbers of participants on its award winning Supported Volunteer Programme. The Centre celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a visit from HRH The Princess Royal in April 2008. It became a British Dressage approved venue in 2013 and in 2015 was awarded the Matrix Standard for the delivery of both its Diploma and Supported Volunteer Programmes.