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16-24 YEARS OLD?

PASSIONATE ABOUT FOOD AND/OR THE ENVIRONMENT?

FEEL LIKE THE SECTOR IS LESS OPEN TO YOU?

Freedom to be you

Practical internships with a focus on developing sustainable food-based skills, which may include: growing, cooking, nutrition, creating and running a food project.

Campaigning internships with a focus on gaining a deeper understanding of our food systems and their environmental impact, and developing the skills needed to become a changemaker, from research and campaigning to influencing decision makers.
Do I need experience?

No! These placements are open to everyone, regardless of experience or background. We acknowledge that the environmental sector is less open to young people from under-represented backgrounds and we’re committed to doing what we can to correct this. We especially want to hear from you if you feel that opportunities like this are less available to you, or if you feel overlooked by mainstream institutions.

We encourage applications from:

- People who are passionate about affecting positive change and want to take action to tackle climate change but haven’t studied a relevant subject at college/university.
- People who have studied a relevant subject at university but have not been able to secure paid employment in that sector within a year of graduating. People who are interested in training in practical food delivery (cooking or growing) with a sustainable focus but have little or no previous professional experience.
- People who are interested in environmental campaigning but do not feel confident in how to take steps towards this.

Payment and Benefits

All internships are paid at the Real Living Wage (£10.85 p/h in London and £9.50 p/h rest of UK”

Access to a high-quality training & development programme, and 1:1 support.

Access to EcoTalent alumni network following the Internship, with regular career and training opportunities.
Are you eligible?

To be eligible to apply for this internship, you must:
• Be aged 16-24 years old
• You need to be on Universal Credit

How do I apply?

NO CV REQUIRED!
Each placement will be advertised individually and will ask for a written or video application. You will be asked to answer a set of questions outlined in the job advert.
The placements are only open to those legally entitled to work in the UK.

What exactly is an internship?

Generally speaking, an internship is a fixed-term work placement with an emphasis on training, learning and skill development. Internships are a great way of gaining experience as they are seen as an 'entry point' into a career.

Internships are fairly common in the UK, however, many are unpaid. We believe this is both unfair - opportunities should be open to all, not just a fortunate minority - and counterproductive, as it means the employers are missing out on the talents of many excluded people.

This is why EcoTalent is trying to buck the trend of unpaid internships, and why Feedback will be using the learning from this programme to advocate for long-term change. Moreover, this project has been designed to create new points of entry into the environmental sector for those who are currently underrepresented.

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