

# BRIDGEND FARMHOUSE

## Woodwork Tutor (sessional post: Wednesdays and Sundays)

REPORTS TO: General Manager
PLACE OF WORK: Bridgend Farmhouse (Woodwork Workshop and associated spaces) 41 Old Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, EH16 4TE
HOURS OF WORK: Wednesdays 9.30am – 4pm on a sessional basis.
PAYMENT: This is a freelance position, currently £15 per hour with hourly pay review pending.

**About Bridgend Farmhouse:**
Bridgend Farmhouse is an award-winning community benefit society with charitable status based in South East Edinburgh. Our mission is learning, working, and growing together to develop a flourishing community and place. Following a successful campaign to gain community ownership of the land, we now run a thriving community hub where people come together to carry out creative, physical, and purposeful activities and share their skills and knowledge with others.

**Purpose of the post:**
The Woodwork Tutor will plan and deliver practical and inclusive woodwork sessions for a diverse range of participants. They will work closely with the Community Gardening and Facilities Coordinators to ensure that activities promote active citizenship at Bridgend Farmhouse. As Woodwork Tutor you will create coordinate, skill-based learning sessions that empower participants to make, repair and create items safely in a supportive environment. There is a particular focus on engaging people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, including those with support needs.

**Main Responsibilities:**
- Develop and deliver regular woodworking sessions on Wednesdays for the local community at Bridgend Farmhouse.
- Plan creative woodworking projects that cater to a diverse range of skill levels and support needs — including beginners, people with learning disabilities, experienced hobbyists, and everyone in between.
- Teach participants practical woodworking skills including tool use, carving, whittling, joinery, sanding, and finishing.
- Implement robust safety procedures — ensuring all participants use personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriately and that sessions follow Bridgend Farmhouse’s health and safety guidelines.
- Maintain tools, equipment, and workshop spaces in a clean and safe working order; keep an up-to-date inventory.
- Work collaboratively with other Bridgend Farmhouse coordinators to plan opportunities that reflect active citizenship and support the wider aims of the organisation.
- Help recruit and support sessional volunteers where appropriate to enhance woodworking sessions.
- Gather regular participant feedback and contribute to ongoing evaluation of the impact of the woodworking programme.
- Represent Bridgend Farmhouse externally, when required, to promote its woodworking opportunities.
- Be prepared to work occasional additional hours for special events and training days.

**Person Specification:**
Essential knowledge, experience, skills and attributes:
- Experience teaching or tutoring woodworking skills in a practical workshop or similar environment.
- Broad practical knowledge of tools, techniques and safety practices, including carving, whittling, joinery, sanding, and finishing.
- Ability to plan and deliver engaging hands-on sessions for people of all abilities and experience levels.
- Strong interpersonal skills and experience of supporting diverse groups including people with additional support needs and/or learning disabilities.
- Commitment to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment, and to working as part of a team with a cooperative, collaborative approach.
- Effective communication and problem-solving skills.
- Positive and encouraging teaching style to motivate and inspire learners.

**Desirable knowledge, experience and skills:**
- Training or qualifications in woodworking, carpentry, joinery, or related disciplines.
- Experience working in community projects and empowering people through skill-building.
- First Aid qualification.
- Awareness of local communities, groups, and networks in south-east Edinburgh.

**Disclosure (PVG) requirements:**
The appointment is subject to Bridgend Farmhouse being satisfied that the candidate meets the requirements of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007.

**Closing date and application:**
Please send your CV and a short statement of interest outlining your skills and experience for this position to: claire.wheeler@bridgendfarmhouse.org.uk **by 5pm on Sunday 13th July**

Bridgend Farmhouse, June 2025