

Dhanakosa Summer 2017 recruitment

Dhanakosa is looking for one person to join the centre team in the summer or early autumn of 2017. Ideally, this person will work principally as part of the house and grounds team mostly in general maintenance but also supporting the general work of the retreat centre across a range of required tasks; possibly including some office-based tasks, depending on skills and experience. As such, practical aptitude and physical fitness are priorities. However we will, in the end, appoint the person we feel has the most to offer the project as a whole, both as a working team and as a practice community. The position is fully supported and open to men and women.

In joining Dhanakosa you will be joining a fully residential Triratna practice community where, as well as contributing to the work of a rural retreat centre with over 1000 guests a year, you will be exploring what it is to work as part of a right livelihood team and live in a Buddhist community. Copies of our organisational ethos statement and statement of occupational requirements are available on request.

Specifications

The work at Dhanakosa is diverse. All team members need to be flexible and willing team workers who are physically fit and able to take initiative. Some significant experience of the Triratna Buddhist Community and a serious desire to engage with community living and right livelihood are also essential. Preference may be given to those who can show a clear commitment to the Triratna Buddhist Community ideally at the level of being part of, or having asked to join, the Order. A current UK driving licence is also a priority. Living and working as part of a right livelihood team in an isolated situation is demanding (as well as rewarding). Therefore, a reasonable degree of emotional maturity and psychological self-knowledge is also essential.

Summary of skills and work areas:

General maintenance at Dhanakosa is a diverse work area so a general aptitude for practical work, problem solving and good physical health is a priority. As a public centre people need to be able to work to a good standard and take into account health and safety and other regulatory requirements. You will be expected to work cooperatively with the team and may be asked to supervise volunteers. Any relevant practical skills or experience will be taking into account

All members of the team can expect to be asked to assist with housekeeping tasks, shopping trips and cooking on a regular basis.

If you would like to talk to someone about this opportunity contact Nayaka on 01877 384 213 or at nayaka@dhanakosa.org. Copies of our organisation ethos statement and support package are available on our web site.

To apply, please return our application form (available to download or by request from Nayaka at the contacts below), a covering letter giving us some background as to your interest in joining the team, and a short summary of any relevant experience of work, community living and the Triratna Buddhist Community. You can do this either by e-mail to nayaka@dhanakosa.org, or by post to Nayaka, Dhanakosa, Balquhadder, Lochearnhead, FK19 8PQ.

Closing date for applications is 9th June.