

Live and work at Dhanakosa

Dhanakosa is looking for someone to join the centre team this winter or early next year. 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 our 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 and support policy are available on our web site along with copies of our support package.

Specifications

The work at Dhanakosa is diverse. All team members need to be flexible and willing team workers able to take initiative and relate appropriately to guests and visitors. A general level of physical fitness is required as is an aptitude for practical problem solving, organising and planning work, and team work. As it is envisaged that our new team member may also be asked to support the office team for up to two days a week communication skills and office based experience are also an advantage. If you feel you have a strong aptitude for either practical work, or office work, please indicate this in your application. A current UK driving licence is also a priority.

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.

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.

Further information and application process:

If you would like to talk to someone about this opportunity contact Nayaka on 01877 384 213 or, at nayaka@dhanakosa.org.

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, Balquhidder, Lochearnhead. FK19 8PQ

Closing date for applications is 3rd November.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to visit the community for 5 to 10 days to work with the team as part of selection. At this time there will also be an informal interview.