



Further information – Joining the Dhanakosa team 2017

Thank you for your interest in coming to join us at Dhanakosa. Dhanakosa is a work environment, a Community, and a practice context. For most people joining the Dhanakosa team represents a massive change. To live and work and practice with the same people, day after day. With a common commitment and shared vision and a clear sense of service through providing the condition for retreats, is both challenging and rewarding in equal measure.

Central to being part of the Dhanakosa team is being part of a Triratna practice community. The community has its own shrine room, and we have a rhythm of shared practice including meditation, study, puja, and spiritual friendship. Practice is brought into the work environment through right livelihood meetings, team development activities and study. And, although the work is very much full time, developing our ability to engage consistently with task, and with people, with positivity and awareness, meeting both the expected and the unexpected with equanimity, is very much part of life at Dhanakosa. Although everyone on the team has their own room, and we live separately from the retreat house, there are frequently working guests sharing the domestic space with the residential team. The project vision is one of giving. We give the conditions for retreats to over 1000 people a year. And, we have to work together to give consistently, whilst also looking after ourselves in what can be a 24 hour situation. Retreats are transformational environments. So is right livelihood team work! Dhanakosa is a mixed community but we have single sex study groups for both men and women and a strong value is attached to the development of same sex friendships.

Work is focused Monday to Friday 9.30 to 5pm, but with out of hours cover and duties 7 days a week. The operations team consists of 7 people (when full) who also form the residential community. Our current team are all either already members of the Order or are actively training to join the Order. This team operates in a context of active supervision, support and Kalyanamitrata from a number of Order members with a long standing commitment to Dhanakosa. All team members also have the opportunity to work on retreats either as organiser, or in roles on the teaching team. Everyone on the team receives a basic support package, which includes a monthly allowance, contributions to a pension fund, and a retreat allowance. Team members have 40 days off a year (in addition to weekends). Details are available on our web site.

If you would like to apply please view the specifications and fill in and return the application form along with a covering letter giving a bit of background to your interest in joining the Dhanakosa team, and a short summary of any relevant experience of work, community living and the Triratna Buddhist Community. Please return to me, Nayaka by post or e-mail.

If you have any other questions please feel free to contact me on 01877 384 213 or at nayaka@dhanakosa.org Deadline for the current round of applications is 3rd November 2017.

I look forward to hearing from you further

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