

Job Vacancy

Lodge Volunteer Facilitator

Start date: Sept 2025

Location: Friends Meeting House, High Street, Saffron Walden

Hours: 10am-3pm, **Tuesdays** during term time, plus 2 hrs practice development per term

Salary: This position is voluntary

Additional info: Volunteer Facilitators may be eligible for a free place in the community for their home educated child - please ask for more details.

The Lodge:

The Lodge is an activity-based provision for home-educated young people aged 10-16, providing coaching and practice in self-directed and consent-based relating. By attending the Lodge, young people receive information on, and coaching and support to develop the skills needed for self-directed, consent-based education and relationships, including conflict navigation skills. They have the opportunity to practice these skills in community with the support of facilitators and peers. The Lodge is based at the Friends Meeting House in Saffron Walden, and is open two days a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10-3pm during term time.

Facilitator Team:

The Lodge team of Co-Lead Facilitators, Facilitators and Volunteer Facilitators work together to co-create and facilitate the community space and culture of the Lodge. Everyone is responsible for authentically modelling the Guiding Principles, bringing their own passions and interests to the community, and collaborating with other members of the community. The team is there to support community members in developing their awareness of self-direction, boundaries and consent, as well as noticing when conflict may be arising and working with young people on risk assessments and agreement making. The facilitator team and members of the community can train to chair the opening and closing meetings.

Volunteer Facilitator Role:

The Lodge Volunteer Facilitator arrives at the Lodge at 10am and leaves at 3pm. Their role is to be on a team with the Co-Lead Facilitators and Facilitators, however they hold less responsibilities than these other roles. The main role of the Volunteer Facilitator is to be part of the Lodge community and to develop their own understanding of how the setting works. They also help co-create the consent-based, self-directed culture by exploring and modelling the Guiding Principles, and by bringing their own skills and interests to the community through adding their own plans for the day, and collaborating with other community members. They are able to get involved in the

different regular offerings that the Lodge has: Community Lunch, Work Towards Projects, Wild Time, Community Building Days, Expos, and the Lodge Prom.

Responsibilities:

- Arrive at 10am and leave at 3pm
- Attend the opening and closing meetings.
- Contribute plans for the day and collaborate on plans.
- Help to co-create the consent-based, self-directed culture of the Lodge by authentically modelling the Guiding Principles.
- Flag any safeguarding concerns to the Co-Lead Facilitators.

Person specification:

- Interest in consent-based, self-directed education.
- Supportive of the transformation of the education system, committed to increasing young people's access to ethical and consent-based learning and living environments, and aligned with the Cabin and Lodge Guiding Principles.
- Commitment to the value of community.
- Ability to build mutually respectful relationships in community with young people.
- Lifelong learner.
- Willingness to address conflict as and when it arises.
- Openness to learning from observing and being at the Cabin and practicing the Guiding Principles.

For more information on the Cabin and the Lodge, please visit our website:

<https://www.downatthecabin.com/>

Please note that we are embarking on an exciting phase in our development, which includes re-locating to a new venue, the Friends Meeting House in Saffron Walden. For the first time, the Cabin (for ages 5-11) and the Lodge (for ages 10-16) will be housed in the same building. We start in our new location in September 2025.

If you want to apply for any of our current vacancies, please complete our Application Form and email to hello@downatthecabin.com

Deadline for applications is **Sunday 6 July** at midnight.