

Job Description: EcoHub Environmental Instructor

About us



Better Days was established in 2015 in response to the influx of refugees arriving on Lesbos, Greece. We are an international team united by a fierce determination to bring environmental stewardship and compassion into the delivery of humanitarian aid. Whether we are doing emergency response, legal support or education, we continue to emphasize the importance of participatory practices, supporting and collaborating with local efforts, and fostering agency among our beneficiaries.



The EcoHub, our environmental education headquarters, focuses on the creation of human-centered spaces that nurture, inspire, and raise environmental awareness. It was created to provide non-formal education, environmental activities, and relaxation opportunities to asylum-seekers. The idea is to empower through gardening and connect people to the earth through hands-on interaction with planting, maintaining, and harvesting fresh organic produce.

Scope of Work

We are looking to invest in a committed and dynamic educator who will be responsible for the management of EcoHub's garden spaces and the planning and instruction of environmental classes for children and adults. The ideal candidate will be creative, passionate about regenerative systems, experienced in sustainable agriculture/permaculture, knowledgeable about horticulture therapy, an experienced educator, and enthusiastic about working with people from a variety of backgrounds. He/she will be a central player in our EcoHub team, whose charge is to green the humanitarian field through regenerative and replicable actions in food production, waste management, horticulture therapy, education, and economic opportunity.

Responsibilities

1. Create and maintain gardens at multiple sites, including compost production
2. Create teaching plans and teach environmental courses to children and adults
3. Ensure harvest is maximized and delivered to the appropriate partners
4. Make sure accurate records are kept and assist EcoHub manager with monitoring and evaluation
5. Lead, train, and supervise EcoHub volunteers
6. Communicate regularly with partner organizations as needed
7. Communicate regularly with Better Days team
8. Submit Weekly Progress report to Better Days core team
9. Assist with other EcoHub projects both on- and off-site as needed

Candidate Characteristics

Required Characteristics

- Fluent in English
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to meet deadlines
- Self-motivated and able to work independently
- Experience and expertise in gardening, composting, permaculture, and related sustainability topics
- Demonstrated teaching ability with children and adults
- Excellent communication skills with all stakeholders
- Compassionate, considerate, and positive attitude
- Commitment of at least 6 months
- Computer skills sufficient to complete required data collection and reporting
- Flexibility and willingness to assist with related projects as needed
- Eligible to work in Greece
- Valid European or International Driving Permit

Desired Competencies

- Experience with environmental education
- Experience with or knowledge of horticulture therapy
- Conversant in Farsi/Dari, Greek, Arabic, and/or French
- Previous humanitarian experience with asylum seekers
- Relevant higher educational background
- Experience in recycling and/or alternative waste management strategies
- Experience in sustainable technologies or related subject matter

Additional Information

Full time and part time available

Duration: 6 months with possible renewal

Earliest Start date: Jan 20, 2019

Compensation: Salary and benefits according to Better Days' policy

Location: Lesvos

To apply, please send your cover letter, CV, and references to eco@betterdays.ngo. Position open until filled.