

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Residential

12 – 16th August 2024

Wick Court, Arlingham, Gloucestershire, GL2 7JJ



Farms for City Children is a vibrant charity that welcomes children and young people from England and Wales to experience the adventure of working together on our farms in the heart of the British countryside. Visiting young people are immersed in the natural world of food, farming and countryside life where they participate in authentic seasonal farming tasks. Spending time working alongside real farmers fosters young people's independence and helps them to grow in confidence, develop their self-esteem, and encourages them to become more resilient.

Our fully accredited DofE Gold Award Residential Programme runs during weeks when we do not have children in residence. Farming never stops though - our sites continue to work during these periods and the residential week of volunteering will offer the opportunity to engage in a variety of outdoor activities and experience life on a historic farm in a beautiful location.

We can offer you the experience of active engagement with nature and the countryside, cultivating transferable work and life skills. You will meet and work with new people, enjoy plenty of physical activity, good food and fresh air, whilst helping us to maintain our gardens, care for our livestock and keep the site in good order.



The Gold Award Residential will be an exclusive occupancy. No other group will be joining you that week so you really will have the place to yourselves to enjoy! All activities on the farm will be fully supervised by our well trained and experienced staff, and we will provide all training, tools, equipment, and PPE needed. You just need to bring a pair of wellies! A member of staff will be in residence on site in case of an out of hours emergency, and during the day there will be a team of experienced staff around to guide and support your volunteering experience.

Wick Court, a 16th century manor house, will become your home for the week. There are four dormitories with accompanying bathrooms, three of which are ensuite. Although we have no TV in the house, we do have Wi-Fi, a cosy dining room, library with space and views of the countryside, a games area, kitchen and large grounds with a roundhouse and fire pit, and lawn games to enjoy. The residential is full board - we will provide all meals although the group will be involved in food preparation, cooking and other kitchen duties. Please note transport is not provided, however we can arrange pick up and drop off from our local train station at Stonehouse.

The Residential Fee is an All-inclusive charge of £399 per person for 18yrs and over.

For an Application Form please contact us on bookings@farmsforcitychildren.org