

envisioning a world in which all people can eat food that is good for them,
good for the people who grow it and good for the planet

Background

Slow Food is a non-profit, eco-gastronomic member-supported organisation that was founded in 1989 to counteract fast food and fast life, the disappearance of local food traditions and people's dwindling interest in the food they eat, where it comes from, how it tastes and how our food choices affect the rest of the world. In short, we support good, clean and fair food. Today, we have over 100,000 members in 132 countries. Further information can be found at www.slowfood.org.uk and www.slowfood.com.

Slow Food UK (SFUK) is a not-for-profit organisation and part of an international Slow Food movement with an International Head Office in Bra, Italy. Slow Food UK is the national association of the Slow Food movement in the United Kingdom. We have over 2,200 members and over 50 local Slow Food groups (with an elected leader and committee) that organise events and activities related to our objectives. We are essentially a grassroots organisation and the national association supports Slow Food aims and objectives at a national and international level working closely with the convivia and our international office.

Slow Food UK is managed by a growing team of nine, including a CEO, an Operations Manager/Group Development Manager, Membership Manager, Team/Communications Coordinator and Development Assistant. We are assisted by an active board with an elected voluntary Chair and Vice-Chair, and four Slow Food Advisors.

We are seeking volunteers to help us in a variety of areas from awareness raising for potential members, outreach and surveying small artisan British producers, to supporting our work with our food business sponsors. There are a variety of tasks and support services we need help with, so please come and join us!

We would like a 2 day per week, 3 month commitment. Volunteers/Interns who can dedicate more time to this internship will gain more from it and be involved in more interesting work. Internships are unpaid at this time, however many students can earn academic credit for their time at Slow Food UK.

General tasks and responsibilities shared by all Volunteers/Interns:

- Assisting with promoting biodiversity in the food supply chain & taste education
- Answering phone enquiries on issues of sustainable and artisan food production
- Researching and fact-checking articles, features, event listings for the website
- Assisting in fulfilling membership orders and requests for promotional materials
- Attending to various member service issues, such as member comments/ questions
- General administration tasks and other office duties

Qualifications / Abilities

- A keen interest in food is preferred but not required
- Currently enrolled in or graduated from an accredited university
- Ability to handle multiple projects and meet deadlines
- Ability to work effectively in a team or independently

- Good general and internet research skills
- Familiarity with computer tasks such as word processing and spreadsheet use
- Fluent and comfortable in the experience of volunteer management and coordination of volunteers and grassroots activism
- Ability to inspire, create and help sustain the activities and relationships of local volunteer groups to their communities including schools, producers, and markets
- Knowledge of and interest in the field of local food, food productions
- Passion for grassroots organizing and community-led initiatives
- Excellent spoken and written communication (in English)
- Very strong interpersonal communication and relationship skills
- Minimum in progress-BA or BSc in related field
- Love of the Slow life but ability to move quickly when needed in the office

For more information please contact us on info@slowfood.org.uk, subject: 'Slow Food Intern'.