



Lauren Little Edutainment LLC is a company that specializes in farming, innovative urban agriculture curriculum & environmental education for all ages. Our vision to guide others to develop their personal relationship with our Earth begins with ensuring all have equal and equitable access to food.

The Urban Farming Coordinator will help grow that vision into a reality through their participation in LLE farming operations.

The Urban Farming Coordinator will be tasked with the goal of supporting the Director in the maintenance and use of up to 6 existing community gardens in Hartford. Communication between local farmers, volunteers, and partner organizations will be an essential duty.

Our ideal candidate is enthusiastic or curious about sustainable gardening practices, food justice, and natural resource conservation. We're looking for someone who is ready to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty, is not afraid of the occasional garden bug or local wildlife, and comfortable with the practice of communing with nature.

Garden Responsibilities and Duties:

- Garden mapping
- Transplanting
- Soil cultivation
- Weeding & plant care
- Watering
- Cover cropping
- Harvest collection
- Plant & tree identification
- Mapping & record keeping
- Integrated pest management

Administrative & Community Outreach:

- Develop relationships with farmers and build contact list of gardeners and crops
- Collect data on local food preferences
- Recruit and oversee volunteers at garden sites and distribution events
- Support the development of a distribution program in partnership with MAH (Mutual Aid Hartford)
- Coordinate donations and purchases of materials for gardens from hardware stores and online
- Occasional email and social media responsibilities

Minimum Qualifications:

- A commitment to Hartford communities and neighbors
- Experience with building partnerships and fostering collaboration with community members and other organizations
- Organic vegetable gardening knowledge, experience and enthusiasm is preferred but not required. Will train the right person
- Experience with logistics, coordination, and problem solving
- Is persistent on getting issues fixed, willing to work at a problem until it is solved
- Feels comfortable directly asking people to do things and following up to make sure they get accomplished
- Ability to work independently and with group of youth and adults
- Access to reliable transportation

Preferred Qualifications:

- Hartford resident
- Community organizing experience
- A driver's license and own vehicle

Physical requirements:

- Ability to lift, push, and/or pull objects up to 50 lbs
- Ability to work with and in proximity of equipment with moving mechanical parts
- Ability to perform physically demanding labor outdoors and tolerate varying weather conditions

Schedule: Flexible hours: April - October/November. Ideal commitment of 12 hours per week. Occasional weekend availability may be required.

Expected start date: May 1, 2023

Job Type: Contract

Pay: \$25.00 per hour

Benefits:

- Flexible schedule
- Professional development assistance

Schedule:

- 4 hour shift
- 8 hour shift
- Monday to Friday
- Weekend availability

Ability to commute/relocate:

- Hartford, CT: Reliably commute or planning to relocate before starting work (Required)

Experience:

- Farming: 1 year (Preferred)

Work Location: In person