



Land Access Project Coordinator

About Bristol Food Producers

Bristol Food Producers (BFP) is a pioneering and innovative producer led partnership of independent growers, farmers, retailers, restaurants and distributors. We have a common aim to upscale local food production in the city (growing, processing and distribution), and we recognise this is not something we can achieve alone; it's only by working together that we can create real and significant change. Our four strands of work are:

- (1) Creating routes to markets for producers
- (2) Providing access to appropriate training
- (3) Improving access to land and resources
- (4) Strengthen relationships to allow people to work together collaboratively and create a supportive network

Supporting new entrants to access land is one of the key areas of the work Bristol Food Producers have been working on, and has been identified as a key priority in the Bristol Good Food 2030 action plan. This project will build on previous work to help match new entrants with local land opportunities.

Job Description:

The aim of this work is to identify potential land in the area and try to match it up with local landseekers. We already have a significant list of people looking for land, so this work will focus on establishing relationships with landowners - both from local authorities and other public sector bodies but also private landlords. This may be through following up contacts in public sector organisations, but may also include working with local press and other avenues.

Building on these relationships, you will run a land matching event in Bristol in April/May 2023, bringing together new entrant landseekers and landowners such as Bristol City Council, other local authorities and public bodies such as the NHS and Universities, and private landowners. This event will allow new entrants to meet directly with the landowners and identify potential land access opportunities, as well as the landowners such as Bristol City Council to understand better the needs of the new entrants.

This role will be supported by the Bristol Food Producers coordinator and board, but will be best suited to someone who can show initiative and work independently.

Specific responsibilities of this role will be to:

- Follow up contacts with public sector organisations such as local authorities and the universities
- Identify new contacts within organisations who may own land in the region
- Identify private landowners who may be open to renting land to new entrants - this might be through local media, farmer publications, regional networks or other avenues.
- Organise a land matching event that will enable landseekers to meet with those who have access to land
- Produce follow up information for the Bristol Food Producers website on land access opportunities in the region

Person specification

- A demonstrated experience of interest in land access issues and supporting new entrant farmers
- Experience of organising events (does not need to be on a large scale)
- Strong organisation skills, able to manage and prioritise own time and an ability to manage multiple relationships and strands of work.
- Good administration skills, including email, word and excel.
- Demonstrated ability to network and form connections with stakeholders
- Self-motivated and the ability to take the initiative in leading on projects.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Commitment to equality, inclusion, and accessibility.

Wages

The role is offered on a self-employed basis at a remuneration of £175/day (based on an 7.5 hour day), for 24 days work, starting in January 2023 and running til April/May 2023. This is subject to final confirmation of funding.

How to apply

Please send a CV (no more than 2 sides long) and Cover Letter (no more than 1 side long) to bristolfoodproducers@gmail.com explaining why you wish to apply for the role and how your experience and skills fit with the Person Specification. Any queries, please contact Steph on bristolfoodproducers@gmail.com

We particularly welcome applications from people with ethnically and/or culturally diverse heritage, or people who do not currently see themselves represented in the food and farming movement.

Deadline for applications is midnight on Wednesday 4th January, with interviews being held the week of the 9th January.