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## **“THE FARM WANTS A FARMER EEH OH ADEO THE FARM WANTS A FARMER”**

**The Prospects Trust is looking for the right person to fill some very important wellies. After 21 years of organic growing at Snakehall Farm, in Reach Cambridgeshire, the Prospects Trust is going back to its original roots with live-in farmer on site. The small charity and social enterprise, providing farming & gardening work experience for people with learning difficulties, mental ill health and disabilities is seeking a passionate grower to occupy their on-site farm house and help co-manage the 18 acre organic site.**

The new four day per week post will put the right candidate at the heart of farming life and offers an exciting and rewarding opportunity. The role is being advertised in horticultural and farming publications right now with the aim to have the new person, or indeed family, in place sometime after September.

Rhian Elis, Co-Manager said “No day is the same at Snakehall Farm, we don’t just grow some of the tastiest and most ethically produced produce, but more importantly we grow people. This role offers so much more than a dull 9 to 5 existence and promises to be inspirational”.

Marianne Baker, Development Officer said “The biggest challenge in bringing the farmer back to the farm is in the upgrading of our currently un-occupied and slightly un-loved farm house. We urgently need support and donations to pull off a “DIY SOS” feat in a very tight timescale. Our co-workers have already started to clear out, clean and decorate but we need more help.”

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The Farm house will be an integral part of job contract but so much is needed to make the house a warm, welcoming hub. Prospects Trust desperately needs support in the way of free decorating materials and tools, an army of helping hands....not to mention a kitchen sink. Local companies and tradespersons are being approached to donate items on the Farm House Hub wish list but in these times of cut backs and credit crunches "a little from a lot" is the current motto on the farm.

Any local businesses or suppliers interested in donating items or time should contact the Prospects Trust for more details.

Anyone interested in filling the wellies is also invited to contact Rhian Elis for an application pack.

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#### **Notes to Editors**

- The Prospects Trust supports 30 work-based placements for people with learning difficulties, disabilities and mental ill health on a weekly basis.
- The Prospects Trust is a registered charity run to co-operative principles. All profits from the sale of produce and fundraising activities are ploughed back into the Prospects Trust.
- Snakehall Farm is an 18 acre Soil Association approved organic market garden and is part of the County Farms Estate. Our customers include English Heritage, Cambridge University Botanic Gardens, Arjuna, Darwin Nurseries and COFCO amongst others
- The Farm Co-Manager vacancy is a four day per week role with tied house, interviews will be held in September 2010.
- The Farm House Hub Project Wish List is available upon request but includes: a small modern kitchen (2 x 600 base units, 1 x sink, 1 small unit, fridge freezer), flooring & carpeting throughout, DIY materials and tools, skip hire, tiles, toilet cistern and free labour/trades.

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