

Overview

The candidate will have an understanding and experience running and planning vegetable plots and orchards. The candidate will also be keen to share their knowledge and farming experience in the day to day lives of students. Familiarity with both permaculture and carpentry (helping students with carpentry work, and practical applications on the farm) are also desirable, but not pre-requisites.

The Kairos Farm

Kairos is a Montessori school, and central to Montessori pedagogy is the concept of the 'prepared environment'. The Farm is a place of planning, stewardship, planting, harvesting. It is directly linked to the School kitchen where farm produce is converted by students from farm to fork. It is also linked to microeconomy activities, where students engage in exchange as a means of utilising modes of production on the farm - farm markets, creating produce from the farm - such as own brand honey, wool products from sheep, teas, eggs, and so forth.



Mission

To create a beautiful farm, with abundant produce, that is welcoming and beautiful, communicating that the world is full of beauty and the child is worthy of it. The school farm is a place where the student can discover their personal relationship with creation, promoting the interconnectedness of environmental, social, and economic stewardship. This is important work,

namely an education in the essential role of integral ecology in society (described in '*Ecologica Integral*' – introduced in Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*).

Roles and responsibilities:

- Annual planning and design for farm activities
- Integration with student programme, biology and chemistry, botany, zoology
- Work closely with adolescent age students, setting roles and responsibilities on the farm
- Hands on work, including planting, weeding, structures as needed
- Co-ordinating parent volunteer afternoons, and activities
- Production planning to satisfy school kitchen needs

Candidate characteristics

- Enjoys working with young people
- Active, hands on, enjoys getting hands dirty digging planting, fixing
- Can work with a wider teaching team, to integrate farm life across the whole school
- Keen to build up a template for education, integrating farming with academic learning

Full time

- Pay - 20k-30k euros+ depending on experience.

About Kairos

Kairos is an international Catholic Montessori school, for students aged 3 to 18. The School has a farm, and is located next to the sea, in the beautiful town of Cascais, Portugal.

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