



## **Eden Rise Retreat Venue**

### **Caretaker Opportunity**

#### **Caretaker and Self-employed Contractor**

[Eden Rise](#) Retreat Centre, a cherished project within the Network of Wellbeing (NOW) charity, invites applications for the long-term position of a live-on-site Caretaker. This unique role involves helping to run the operations of our tranquil wellbeing venue nestled in the heart of South Devon.

#### **About Eden Rise**

Located two miles on the outskirts of Totnes, Eden Rise is known as 'a haven for wellbeing', offering a peaceful residential centre with a commitment to providing exceptional service and homely facilities. Our two converted barns, perched on a hill, provide breathtaking views of the Devon countryside. Accommodating 20 people, with a spacious open-plan kitchen/dining area, large activity hall, cosy sunny lounge, outdoor seating, and even a sauna facility. Venue images can be found [here](#). Eden Rise is dedicated to sustainability, utilising solar and green energy, on-site borehole water filtration, composting, recycling, and eco-friendly practices.

#### **Job Responsibilities**

The position involves carrying out operational duties to help with the smooth running of our beloved retreat venue, some key responsibilities include:

- Care for the venue, grounds, and surrounding area.
- Assist with cleaning during group changeovers.
- Support maintenance tasks at the property.
- Conduct regular health and safety checks.
- Ensure retreat leaders and their groups have a smooth experience.
- Attend team meetings facilitated by the manager.

Some main tasks may include overseeing the recycling, composting, groundskeeping and various maintenance and safety checks. Other duties may involve seasonal gardening, depending on experience. The role will involve a mix of completing allocated responsibilities as well as working alongside the existing on-site caretaker.

#### **Person Specification**

We seek a self-employed individual who thrives in a small team setting and possesses the ability to take initiative in problem-solving. Ideally, you should exhibit qualities such as multitasking, flexibility, adaptability, have a keen eye for detail, and a willingness to learn.

This position entails physical tasks and may be particularly suitable for those with prior hands-on experience in a venue/building or hospitality environment.

Unfortunately we do not allow dogs/pets due to the neighbouring livestock.

### **Exchange Offer**

This onsite live-in role offers accommodation in a spacious double bed caravan, complete with kitchen facilities, woodburner, surrounding garden area, and a shared vegetable patch. Caretakers have use of a compost toilet, shared shower facilities and parking onsite.

In exchange for this accommodation, the commitment involves working 416 hours per year (equivalent to 8 hours per week). The hours are semi-flexible, distributed based on venue workload demands, seasonality and group booking schedules.

Additional hours beyond the exchange commitment will be compensated at £12/hour on a self-employed basis. Any extra hours are not fixed per week, as they depend on task loads, gaps between bookings (generally known 8-12 months in advance), and seasonal responsibilities. On average, this may amount to approximately 400 (potentially more) additional hours per year, or as mutually agreed upon with the Eden Rise Manager. Please note that as a self-employed worker, sick pay and paid leave are not included, and holiday schedules must be coordinated with the other caretaker.

### **About the NOW charity**

The Network of Wellbeing's vision is of people thriving in a flourishing planet. Its mission is to connect people, supports projects and inspires action for the wellbeing of people and the planet. We do this through events, network-building, community projects such as the Share Shed – a mobile Library of Things and our retreat venue, Eden Rise.

Our understanding of wellbeing is:

- inclusive, because everyone deserves to have equal access to the things that support our wellbeing.
- collective, because we can't have wellbeing alone – our wellbeing depends upon our relationships and the communities in which we live and work.
- systemic, because wellbeing needs to be embedded in our economies, governmental policies, and throughout wider society.
- sustainable, because human wellbeing relies upon the long-term health of the natural world.

### **How to apply**

To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter to [sylvie@networkofwellbeing.org](mailto:sylvie@networkofwellbeing.org), outlining your interest in joining the Eden Rise team and explaining why you are the ideal candidate for this position. Two referees are required.

Interviews will be conducted promptly for the right candidates, so early applications are recommended. The position is available to start asap.

If you have any queries pre-application, please contact [sylvie@networkofwellbeing.org](mailto:sylvie@networkofwellbeing.org) to schedule a call.

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