

TastEd

The sensory food education charity

EDUCATION OFFICER

Role and application process





TastEd Food Education Officer Recruitment Pack

Job Title: Food Education Officer

Employment type: Fixed-term contract (12 months)

Part-time: 16 hrs per week (including Wednesdays).

Flexible working arrangements are available.

Location: Home-based. Significant travel will be required to deliver training and lessons in education settings across the UK. We are ideally looking for someone based in London or the Southeast of England, as current delivery is currently focused in these areas.

Salary: £32,000 – £35,000 per annum (pro-rata: £14,628 – £16,000 for 16 hrs per week)



About TastEd

TastEd is a sensory food education charity that helps children explore food using all of their senses.

Through our work, we support early years practitioners and primary school teachers to deliver engaging, sensory-based food

education that builds children's curiosity and confidence with food, with the aim of supporting them to develop lifelong healthy eating habits, especially a preference for vegetables.

We provide training, resources and ongoing support to education settings across the UK to help embed sensory food education into everyday learning experiences.

TastEd lessons and activities help children become more curious about food, more willing to try new foods, and more confident in talking about what they experience. The resources aim to build a child's vocabulary about food and help them to be more confident talking about food and food preferences. By working with educators, we aim to create lasting change in how children experience food in educational settings.

"I just wanted to say how proud I am as headteacher to be delivering TastEd sessions across the whole provision. We have seen the impact by children being more adventurous in their selection of food during lunchtime and suddenly discovering that they love beetroot!"

Headteacher, Primary School, London

The Opportunity

We are looking for a creative, passionate and organised Food Education Officer to join the TastEd team for 16hrs per week.

The ideal candidate will be just as comfortable in a room full of adults, supporting teachers to understand the principles of TastEd, as they are with a group of children, getting stuck in and modelling the fun of using all five senses to explore fruits and vegetables. They will also enjoy keeping things organised behind the scenes, from coordinating sessions to ensuring feedback is collected.



This role combines:

- Delivering training to educators
- Managing relationships with schools and early years settings
- Delivering hands-on sensory food education sessions with early years and primary-aged children

We are a small and collaborative team, so the successful candidate will be comfortable getting involved across different aspects of the charity's work. This is a new role as the organisation grows, giving the successful candidate an opportunity to help shape how the role develops. The key focus will be supporting schools and early years settings to successfully implement and embed TastEd's approach to sensory food education.

This is a rewarding opportunity for someone who enjoys working with both educators and children, and who is passionate about improving children's experiences with food.

The role is currently funded for 12 months; however, subject to funding, we hope to extend this.

The Role

The Food Education Officer will be responsible for supporting primary school and early years educators who engage with TastEd through both online and in-person programmes.

Key Responsibilities

- Training and Programme Delivery
- Deliver TastEd sensory food education training to educators.
- Deliver TastEd sensory food education sessions directly with children where appropriate.
- Develop approaches to support settings beyond initial implementation.
- Contribute to the development of new resources tailored to the needs of education settings.
- Work with the wider TastEd team to make sure that training is coordinated with resources.

Relationship Management

- Act as the main point of contact for education settings involved in TastEd.
- Build and nurture positive relationships with teachers, early years practitioners and school leaders.
- Support the development of online communications and user journeys to encourage engagement with TastEd resources and support.
- Provide ongoing support and guidance to ensure successful implementation of TastEd approaches.
- Collect feedback from educators and settings to support monitoring, evaluation and reporting to funders. Clearly communicate this with the wider TastEd team and external partners to support programme development.

Programme Administration

- Book and coordinate training sessions with early years practitioners, primary school teachers and local authorities.
- Manage educators' online accounts and support access to resources and training materials.
- Maintain accurate records of training sessions, engagement and participation.
- Recruit education settings to specific funded programmes as required.

General Responsibilities

- Represent TastEd professionally when working with partner schools and organisations.
- Collect content (e.g. photos, quotes, case studies) to support TastEd communications and social media.
- Undertake other duties as reasonably required to support the work of the charity.



Person Specification

We recognise that great candidates may come from a range of backgrounds. If you meet most of the criteria below, we would encourage you to apply.

Essential (These would make you a strong candidate)

- A passion for improving children's experiences with food and learning.
- Experience working in an education setting (e.g. after-school clubs, holiday clubs, primary schools or early years settings).
- Experience delivering training, workshops or talks to adults.
- Knowledge of the primary and/or early years education systems, policies and ways of working.
- Confidence delivering sessions to groups of children.
- Confidence with written and spoken English; and creative skills to help with the development of new learning resources.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Excellent organisational skills and the ability to manage multiple tasks.
- Ability to build and maintain positive professional relationships.

Desirable (Having one or more of these would be a nice to have)

- Experience teaching within a primary school or early years setting.
- Experience delivering food (e.g. cooking or growing) education, nutrition education, or sensory learning activities.
- Experience working within the charity sector.
- Familiarity with online learning platforms or digital learning resources.
- Knowledge of health & safety and safeguarding practices.
- An interest or educational background in subjects involving the written word or creative subjects.

Additional Information

An Enhanced DBS check will be required. Food hygiene training and other relevant training will be provided.

Most of this role will be delivered during standard working hours, though some flexibility will be required to travel to and deliver occasional sessions outside these times.

Working with TastEd offers the opportunity to be part of a small but ambitious charity working to transform children's experiences with food. You will be joining a friendly and supportive team.

We offer 31 days of annual leave (including bank holidays), plus an additional day off for your birthday, pro rata.

How to Apply

To apply for this role, please do both of the following:

- Send a CV or alternative format: You are welcome to provide a traditional CV, or present your experience in a way that feels most accessible and authentic to you - this could be a portfolio, personal statement, presentation, or even a short video or audio summary. Please send this to: info@tasteeducation.com.
- Answer two questions that can be found [here](#).

Answers to application questions will be anonymised and reviewed as part of a fair sifting process, alongside CVs.

Deadline for applications: 29th April 2026

Interview process:

Round 1: Online interview – week commencing 7th May.

Round 2: In-person interview in London including a task – week commencing 18th May.

Start date: As soon as possible

For the successful candidate, we will request two references prior to making a provisional offer. Pre-employment checks will include a Right to Work check and an Enhanced DBS check.