



## Sustainable Farming Certificate (SFC) 2020

Come live, work and learn at Everdale Organic Farm for the season!

Everdale's SFC program is a curriculum-based experiential learning program. Here are some things that past apprentices have told us they loved about their experience:

- A transformative life experience
- A rich introduction to organic food growing
- An immersion into Everdale's not-for-profit programs and services
- Living in a beautiful place surrounded by nature and rolling hills
- An incredibly rewarding social experience on a very busy farm with lots of programs and food growing happening
- The satisfaction of doing meaningful work that makes a difference for other people
- The feeling of being part of an innovative socially progressive project
- Being on a farm in a rural setting that is still very close to major urban centres

### **Is This Program For You?**

We are looking for people who are excited by [Everdale's mission and the work that we do](#). Everdale's beautiful 50-acre property is a hive of activity: farmers, consumers, students, corporate groups, volunteers, workshop participants, and even an annual music festival.

Everdale has a strong focus on solving food insecurity in our local community of Guelph/Wellington as well as providing educational opportunities to youth. Prospective apprentices should be ready to put a lot of energy into learning and working on the farm, and be excited by the opportunity to act as ambassadors for the organization and for food and farming in general. Please be sure you have explored our entire website and are familiar with all of our program offerings before filling out the application form.

### **Program Scheduling.**

Apprentices will arrive on the farm in April and stay until November (more specific dates to be available soon). Apprentices will work 8-hour days alongside Everdale's staff and experienced farmers. Start and end times shift with the season. Our 40-hour work week is Monday to Friday with some occasional weekend chores.

Apprentices will also receive structured trainings and workshops including

- Six monthly educational "CRAFT days" (field trips to other farms).
- A series of workshops and training events to be delivered by Everdale, Ignatius Farm and the Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario. The schedule for these trainings will be finalized in early 2020.
- Opportunities to take on specific on-farm projects of their choosing.



### **What an apprentice receives.**

- Free workshops and other training opportunities (above).
- Hundreds of hours of supervised work-experience on Everdale Farm.
- The above work includes helping to grow fresh food for The Good Food Project - a partnership between Everdale and the Guelph Community Health Centre. Food grown at Everdale for The Good Food Project is distributed by the Guelph Community Health Centre's "SEED project" to low-income community members. Volunteers and youth trainees help to grow this food.
- Apprentices also get experience helping to deliver Everdale's innovative public education programs such as our volunteer and youth programs.
- Apprentices live in our fully furnished dorm facility: private bed room; shared kitchen, washroom, and laundry facilities; free wifi and long-distance phone line.
- \$65/week stipend and fresh produce from our Harvest Share program.
- An opportunity to explore a vibrant rural community with other like-minded farms, a cidery and a brewery all within 10 minutes' drive.

### **Expectations.**

- Prepared mentally, emotionally, physically and financially.
- Excited to work outdoors in all sorts of weather.
- No other work/study commitments.
- Excited about rural living.
- A willingness to show up on time, work hard, and make real contributions to Everdale's mission and work.
- An eagerness to undertake independent learning outside of work hours.