

Student Story

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Hello, my name is Junko and I am an international student from Japan. I came here in September 2005 and studied on a foundation course in Art and Design in 2005-2006. Now I am studying on the first year of the BA (hons) Graphic Design course. Every Monday morning, I do not have any classes and I decided to join a volunteer activity organized by the Volunteer Challenge department at BSU and they sent me to a farm. So I helped at the farm, which is called the Bath City farm, from October to December 2005. It was such a nice experience for me! I had never worked at a farm, so everything was fresh and new. I saw many kind people and animals, and experience a lot of things.

Last November, people of the Bath City farm built up a pen for the pigs. The semicircular pen has an oval entrance. I went and looked at it from the other side of a fence. A woman called Helen brought feed and called a name. After a while, the pig's face, (which size is as big as the entrance), looked out. I was really surprised, because the pig is so huge (bigger than me!). It is my first experience that I saw a real pig. The farm has got one mother pig and two piglets. They are really pretty and the piglet's hair is unexpectedly soft. The farm also has chickens, sheep, cows, and two lovely goats. My job is usually to clean up the chicken's house with my friends. First, the house was so messy and smelly but we took the hay away and covered the house with new hay in the house and after we finished cleaning up, Helen sprinkled powder which smells like a flower. Then, the chicken's house was really clean and fragrant. When we finished the work, I said to one of my friends, "The house is so gorgeous now, and we've done it!!" It was a quite nice feeling, and we laughed.

The farm is at the top of a hill, and the view is so beautiful; you can see all of the town. Furthermore people are so kind and open-hearted, and you must not forget, they have a dog who is named Sam. He is so active and affable, and everyone likes him. Before the work in the morning, the volunteers have a cup of tea and talk. Sam is always around them and try to catch their attention.

There is a refreshing atmosphere at the farm. I breathed fresh air and touched nature. I think volunteering there was a valuable experience and it made my daily life different.