

# Wanted: Volunteer Management Committee Members



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Ecoworks is a small but dynamic community organisation providing environmental activities that enrich the health and wellbeing of our disadvantaged participants.

We offer:

- Support for participants to grow their own food
- Workshops in organic growing, permaculture, environmental crafts, healthy eating, and other environmental / health-related themes
- Accredited training in horticulture to young people
- Subsidised fruit and vegetable sales to those in need
- Healthy eating programmes to promote 5-a-day
- Healthy catering from our mobile 'Harvest Cafe' van

We work with a range of disadvantaged and socially excluded participants, including those experiencing mental health issues, young people, long-term unemployed, refugees and asylum seekers, and those living in the most deprived areas of Nottingham city.

Activities take place on our community and market gardens on the St Ann's Allotments, and in our training kitchen nearby.

We are a not-for-profit organisation and social enterprise – income generated from sale of fruit and vegetables and healthy meals is reinvested into ensuring that we are meeting our social and environmental aims. We currently have long term funding for several exciting projects including from the City Health Partnership and Big Lottery Fund.

We are seeking individuals who share our environmental and social ethos to join a committed and proactive Management Committee team. You will support the development of Ecoworks and contribute to setting strategic direction and ensuring compliance with regulations that govern our organisation. You may wish to take on specific responsibilities, such as Finance, PR and Marketing, HR, Fundraising, Legal or Volunteer co-ordination.

Or you may have a specialism in an area that we work in, such as mental health, organic growing, permaculture, healthy eating, social enterprise, mobile catering - or wish to learn more about some of these areas.

Roles will be supported by our paid administrator and other staff and MC members. Out of pocket expenses are offered to all volunteers.

## Person Specification

We would be willing to consider people with any skill sets, but the specialisms listed above are desirable.

Other useful characteristics might include:

- Good communication skills
- Experience of sitting on a board before
- Experience in a management role or similar
- Good organisation skills
- Proactive

You will need to be willing to undertake free 'good governance' training if needed.

Our aim is to reward the skills you bring to our organisation by offering opportunities for you to further your own skills and knowledge, in other aspects of running our organisation that most interest you.

## Application procedure

If you would like to apply for this position, please contact Claire Peeters on 0115 9622200 or email [claire.peeters@ecoworks.org.uk](mailto:claire.peeters@ecoworks.org.uk).

You will be asked to complete a short application, and attend for an informal discussion.

## Induction

Induction will take approximately two months (a couple of hours per week on average), and will include attendance of Management Committee meetings, a skills audit, plus an introduction to our projects, policies and procedures and Management Committee responsibilities.

## Training

Governance training is offered to all MC members. We would be happy to consider any other training that would match your interests and benefit you in helping to run our organisation.

Ecoworks is committed to equal opportunities and our office and meeting space is fully accessible to those with disabilities.



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