



Community Garden Support Worker (volunteer)

Established in 1991, Ecoworks Community Garden, situated in the heart of St Ann's allotments in Nottingham, is a thriving project engaging volunteers. Open 3 days a week with occasional Saturday openings, the community garden provides a range of activities including organic gardening, green build/maintenance, arts and crafts, and seasonal cooking/preserving which are supportive and accessible.

Spanning over 10 allotments, the Ecoworks Community Garden offers a stunning, beautiful and supportive environment; open all year around, with resources including a large straw bale building, poly tunnels and greenhouses.

This volunteer placement at our community garden will help support participants, support staff and help in the day to day project activity.

Details

Hours

1 or 2 days per week

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am - 4pm

There may also be possible hours on an occasional Saturday afternoon

Key Tasks

- To offer support and work alongside volunteers and service users so they feel able to participate and learn on the gardens
- To support the staff team in keeping the gardens open and running smoothly
- To assist with gardening, crafts, construction or creative projects depending on your interest and experience
- To help and support volunteers to contribute their ideas to the development and planning of the garden
- To ensure health & safety standards are maintained

Ecoworks welcomes applicants who are interested in community projects, happy to work outdoors and who are friendly. You will enjoy supporting others, working as part of a community project and working as part of a team.

Ecoworks invites applications from volunteers with a wide variety of interests and abilities.

How to Apply

Ecoworks(Nottingham)Ltd is a not-for-profit organisation.
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Please request an Ecoworks Volunteer Application Form by calling our office 0115 9622200 or by email info@ecoworks.org.uk, and complete and return this via email or by post to Ecoworks, The Old Upper School, Brewsters Road, St. Anns, Nottingham NG3 3AG before the deadline.

If you require support to complete this form, please contact Edd Lindley edd.lindley@ecoworks.org.uk / 0115 9622200

The deadline for applications is February 28th 2012,

Successful applicants will be invited to a trial date by arrangement. This will take the form of a short discussion, tour of the gardens and an informal session of practical activity.

Please note placements will be subject to an advanced Criminal Records Bureau check.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will I be out of pocket expenses be reimbursed?

We will cover public transport costs by providing you with bus tickets should you need them. Refreshments (tea and coffee) are provided and free produce from the gardens may be available at certain times of the year.

What experience will I get?

You will gain excellent experience of working in a supportive, volunteer-focussed community. You will meet people from a wide variety of backgrounds and vulnerable adults facing a broad range of challenges. This role will provide you with the opportunity to expand your learning around horticulture, permaculture, nature conservation, crafts, sustainable constructions and many other issues around sustainable living and support work.

Training will also be provided in safeguarding valuable adults and mental health awareness, with opportunities to gain accredited horticulture training.

Please contact the office on 0115 9622200, or by email at info@ecoworks.org.uk if you have any questions about volunteering at Ecoworks.

In carrying out the responsibilities described in this job description successful applicants will be expected to demonstrate a commitment to equal opportunities.