



Community Gardener (Volunteer)

Established in 1991, Ecoworks Community Garden, situated in the heart of St Ann's allotments in Nottingham, is a thriving project engaging volunteers and Mental Health service users. 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. Funded by Ecominds (Lottery) and also Nottingham City Council, the community garden project is seeking an experienced volunteer gardener to help support the provision and contribute positively to the community; enabling volunteers and service users to engage and participate in healthy and enjoyable opportunities.

Details

Hours

Between 1 and 3 days per week (depending on your availability)
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays 9:45am-4pm
There may also be possible hours on an occasional Saturday afternoon

Key Tasks

- Support and enable vulnerable adults in accessing and taking part in the community garden project
- Co-ordinate and overseeing activities and learning in a range of horticulture as part of the gardening team
- Supervise volunteers and service users if required
- Assisting with crafts, construction or creative projects depending on your interest and experience
- Enable volunteers and service users to contribute their ideas to the planning and activities within the garden
- Recognise and share achievements of individuals and groups at the gardens
- Ensure health & safety standards are maintained
- Support Ecoworks Equal Opportunities/safeguarding policies and procedures

Ecoworks welcomes applicants who are passionate about gardening, reliable and friendly. You will be a real people person with a passion for supporting others and working as part of a team.

Ecoworks invites applications from volunteers with a wide variety of interests and approaches to the role.

How to Apply

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. Ecoworks can reimburse lunch with a full day of volunteering or provide a free weekly veg box.

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 community engagement.

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.