

## **Community Garden Volunteer**

Role Description

You can choose to volunteer on any of the following days, either weekly, biweekly, or monthly.



- Mondays (11am 2pm)
- Thursdays (11am 2pm)
- Saturdays (11am 2pm)

Location

Wimbledon Guild Community Garden, SW19 3QT

## What happens at the Community Garden?

The garden sits on a once derelict site donated to Wimbledon Guild in 1992. After sitting empty for many years, in June 2014, volunteers cleared the site of head-high brambles, laid a water pipe and erected a shed. Our volunteers follow wildlife-friendly, organic and permaculture 'no dig' methods and grow everything from seed, and the produce is used in our HomeFood Café.

## **Your Responsibilities**

- Sow vegetables and wildflowers from seed, prick out, pot on, and plant out.
- Water pots and beds, weed without digging over, and sweep up leaves.
- Harvest produce as instructed and label produce being left for seed saving.
- Plant up hanging baskets and turn compost.
- Fill up bird feeders and help with various craft and maintenance projects.
- Empty and wash Bokashi bins and deliver the harvest to the kitchen.
- Liaise with the Lead Community Garden Volunteer and Volunteer Programme Team, providing feedback and reporting problems.
- Follow our policies and procedures, attend relevant training sessions, and maintain appropriate boundaries.

# **Qualities We Value**

- Have an interest in gardening and can embrace the 'no dig' philosophy.
- Values teamwork and maintains a positive attitude.
- At ease in talking and actively listening to others.
- Makes everyone feel welcome, no matter their background.
- Adapts easily to changes, and different tasks, and asks for help when needed.
- Understands how others feel, especially in tough situations.



#### What You Gain

- Apply or develop your existing skills and experience.
- Access over 150+ optional eLearning-certified training courses.
- Invited to volunteer socials throughout the year.
- Support a local charity in Merton.
- Enhance your CV or UCAS application.

## **How We Support You**

To ensure you feel supported and confident, you'll be assigned a Wimbledon Guild staff member as your point of contact for any questions, concerns, or suggestions. During your induction, you'll receive an overview of the information, training, and resources needed for your volunteer role. After four weeks, we'll check in with you to see how you're doing and if you need any additional support.

## **Claiming Expenses**

We will reimburse you for reasonable out-of-pocket travel expenses. All expenses must be agreed upon and signed off by the Volunteer Programme Team. We will only reimburse you for the amount agreed and payment will be made by bank transfer.

### **Age Requirement**

This role is open to anyone aged 18 years and over.

#### **Application Process**

If you are interested in the role, we would love to hear from you and we welcome volunteers from all backgrounds and communities. You can either complete our <u>online application form</u> or complete the form with a member of the Volunteer Programme team. For more information, you can call 020 8946 0735 or email <u>volunteer@wimbledonguild.co.uk</u>.