

Volunteer Role Description

Role title: Gardening Champion

Location: As part of the Northfield Ecocentre and Move Move Eat Well team the role will be based at the Ecocentre, Coney Green Drive Allotments and other gardening sites in South Birmingham

Hours of Work: The main project times are Wednesdays and Thursdays 10-3pm though we are open to your support at other hours on the project. We also have a range of community events across the year (including weekends) which you could help to support.

Reports to: Community Food Coordinator

Are you interested in developing your horticulture skills? Have you got expertise and skills to share? Do you have some spare time to support others to grow their own food? Are you motivated, reliable and enthusiastic? If the answer to any of these is YES then this role at Northfield Ecocentre is for you. The role would suit someone who wants to learn more about community gardening, apply their skills to support the development of others and who enjoys working with people. ***We are particularly keen to engage people from the wards of Longbridge, Cofton, Northfield, Rubery North and Rubery South.***

Main purpose of the role

An exciting opportunity is available to join the Move More Eat Well team and Northfield Ecocentre. We are looking to engage a number of Gardening Champions. These are volunteer roles. The role holder is responsible for working with the team at Coney Green Drive Allotments, and other gardening sites and projects in South Birmingham. Full training and support will be given to enable the you to fulfil your role.

Responsibilities

- 1.To assist in the upkeep of the allotment training plot by weeding, composting, planting, pruning, seed collecting, seed sowing, harvesting and propagation.
- 2.To assist in the maintenance of pathways and structures within a training garden and community garden spaces. Using and maintaining tools and equipment.
- 3.Work with other volunteers and support users in a team to ensure the maintenance of the gardens are of a high quality and fit for purpose.
- 4.To help promote the gardens and their event programs.

Personal qualities

You must be motivated, reliable and enthusiastic and have some interest in food growing and horticulture in general. The role would suit someone who wants to learn more about community gardening, apply their skills to support the development of others and who enjoys working with people of all ages and abilities. We are particularly keen to engage people from the wards of Longbridge, Cofton, Northfield, Rubery North and Rubery South.

Benefits to you

You will get the opportunity to gain experience in hard and soft landscaping within a community garden environment. There is also the opportunity to work as a team and develop skills in horticulture, supporting users of the garden, construction, using tools and equipment and understanding health and safety within the working environment. You can take the skills you learn back to your own community to help others in the future. You can get a reference after one month of volunteering with us. We can also refund your travel costs.

What is required?

A minimum of five hours per week. The main project times are Wednesdays and Thursdays 10-3pm though we are open to other hours to support the project. We also have a range of community events across the year (including weekends) which you could help to support. To start as soon as possible.

Any special conditions

This role will require a DBS check.

There will be the opportunity to volunteer at other community events at other times during the week including weekends though this is not a requirement of the role.

Application Process

We are particularly keen to engage people from the wards of Longbridge, Cofton, Northfield, Rubery North and Rubery South.

After reading the role description please apply via email or letter with an accompanying CV (in PDF or Word format) to jackie@northfieldecocentre.com or Northfield Ecocentre 53 Church Rd, Northfield, Birmingham B31 2LB

You can find out more about the project here: www.movemoreeatwell.com

If you have any questions please email us or call Jackie or Anne on 0121 448 0119