



VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

Thank you for your interest in joining 'The herd' as a volunteer at The Purple Elephant Project. If you join us, we aim to provide a rewarding and worthwhile experience for you. All our volunteers must be aged 18 or over.

VOLUNTEER ROLE

Volunteer Gardener

LOCATION

The Purple Elephant Project Centre; The School House, Chase Bridge Primary School, Kneller Road, Twickenham, TW2 7DE

TIME COMMITMENT

Flexible - minimum 1-2 hours per week Monday to Friday

WHAT THE ROLE INVOLVES

As a Volunteer Gardener, you will help with the general upkeep and maintenance of our therapy garden. Your contribution will play a key role in making the outdoor space a tranquil and safe place for the children to relax and engage in therapy.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Garden Maintenance:** General maintenance tasks such as weeding, pruning, mowing the lawn, and tidying flower beds.
- **Watering:** Regular watering of plants, ensuring they remain healthy and vibrant.
- **Leaf Clearing:** Clearing leaves and other debris from pathways, seating areas, and grassy spaces, particularly during autumn.
- **Sweeping & Tidying:** Keeping pathways and seating areas clean and tidy, ensuring the garden remains safe for children to use.
- **Planting & Replanting:** Assisting with planting new flowers, shrubs, or trees, depending on the season.
- **Supporting Seasonal Projects:** Helping with seasonal projects such as creating sensory gardens, vegetable patches, or wildlife-friendly areas.
- **Reporting:** Informing the Centre Manager of any issues that may need professional attention, such as broken equipment or large-scale garden work.



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WHAT YOU COULD GET OUT OF UNDERTAKING THIS ROLE

This role provides the opportunity to help The Purple Elephant Project achieve its objectives and make a big difference to the happiness of children and their families who need additional support. Additional benefits include:

- The opportunity to work in a peaceful, therapeutic outdoor environment.
- Contribute to the well-being of vulnerable children by creating a safe, welcoming space for them to enjoy.
- Gain hands-on gardening experience and learn new skills.
- Meet like-minded volunteers and be part of a supportive community.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR (SKILLS/ EXPERIENCE)

- Gardening Knowledge: Basic gardening skills and knowledge, including plant care, weeding, and simple garden maintenance tasks.
- Physical Fitness: Ability to undertake physical tasks such as digging, lifting, bending, and using basic gardening tools.
- Attention to Detail: A good eye for detail to ensure the garden is well-maintained and safe for children to explore.
- Team Player: Ability to work independently and as part of a small team.
- Passion for Nature and Helping Others
- A love for outdoor work and an understanding of how green spaces contribute to emotional well-being.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT PROVIDED

All volunteers receive an induction when they start with us and regular contact and support from management. We take safeguarding very seriously so we will ask you to read a copy of our safeguarding policy when you start volunteering. We will also need you to agree to having a DBS check. Other training in relation to specific roles will also be provided if needed.

VOLUNTEER EXPENSES

We believe that no volunteer should be out of pocket because of expense incurred when carrying out their volunteering activities on our behalf. As a volunteer, you can claim out of pocket expenses in line with The Purple Elephant's Expenses Policy.



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REFERENCES

We ask volunteers to provide details of 2 referees for some of our volunteer roles. This is to help us confirm the identity of our volunteers and to build up a better understanding of them.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

If you would like some more information or have any other questions about this role. Please contact us at info@thepurpleelephantproject.org and someone from the team will be in touch.



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