



## Gunnersbury Park Museum

### Community Kitchen Garden Volunteer Role Description

**Role:** Community Kitchen Garden Volunteer, Stone Age and Dig for Victory Gardens

**Status:** Voluntary role, unpaid

**Reporting to:** Chris Ellis, Head Gardener and Lisa D'Agostino, Formal Learning Officer

**Hours:** Days and hours are flexible, but ideally on a weekly basis.

This volunteer role will be based within the Parks team in the historic walled community garden. Gunnersbury Park is a beautiful 170+ acre site that is home to a wide collection of local, heritage and exotic plants and trees. The Community Kitchen Garden is situated within one of the original walled gardens that once provided Gunnersbury's occupants with edible produce and cut flowers. Volunteers have been developing the site since 2012 and are essential to maintaining the garden as an invaluable resource for our Learning programme. Volunteers will have an exciting opportunity to meet new people, learn new gardening skills and to help grow the historically themed Stone Age and Dig for Victory gardens in a really hands-on capacity. This is a lovely opportunity to connect with nature in a chemical free environment, with the support of our highly skilled Head Gardener. Any vegetables grown by the volunteers get shared out between the team to be taken home!

This role is very hands on and may involve light manual labour (e.g turning over soil, planting etc). This is optional, please make us aware in your application process if you would prefer not to, so that we can adjust your tasks accordingly. This role will also involve spending time in all weather and temperatures as you will be based outside.

Please note that this role is voluntary and therefore unpaid, however Gunnersbury CiC is happy to be able to offer travel reimbursement up to a value of £8 upon proof of purchase, for each volunteer shift attended.

#### **Responsibilities Include:**

- Seasonal tasks, such as seeding, planting bulbs etc



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- Monitoring health of plants
- Maintaining the appearance and tidiness of the garden
- Assisting implement new garden plans and designs

## **Person Specification**

### Essential Skills

- Enthusiastic
- Reliable
- Interest in or knowledge of horticulture – preferably experience growing vegetables
- Keen to spend time outdoors in a hands on role
- Self-motivated and able to carry out tasks independently as well as part of a team
- Comfortable learning new skills and information

## **Terms and Conditions**

- Full training will be provided for all volunteers
- This role is voluntary and unpaid. However, Gunnersbury CiC does offer travel reimbursement within London up to a limit of £8 per day with proof of purchase
- Applicants must be over the age of 18
- Applicants must try to commit to one shift a week and to give the Head Gardener notice if they are unable to attend a shift if possible

To apply please send a completed Application Form - which can be found on our website via email to [HowellAn@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:HowellAn@ealing.gov.uk) or post to Volunteer & Visitor Experience Officer, Small Mansion, Gunnersbury Park, Popes Lane, London, W3 8LQ. Or feel free to ring 02089 938809 and speak to Angharad for a chat!

Please supply contact details of 2 referees. These may be contacted during the application process. If your application is successful, the Volunteer & Visitor Experience Officer will contact you to arrange an informal interview. During this session, you will be shown around the site and asked a few simple questions to gauge your suitability for the role.

*Gunnersbury Park and Museum welcomes all applications and operates a fair and open recruitment policy, the aim of which is to ensure no job applicant, volunteer, intern, employee or worker is discriminated against either directly or indirectly on any grounds.*



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