

Volunteer Position Title: Edible Garden Volunteer

Location: Edible Garden, Avery Hill Campus (behind David Fussey Building)

Time Commitment: 2 hours [Wednesday 12:00-14:00]

Reports To: David Jackson (Sustainability Project Manager)

Mission Statement

The Edible Garden was started in 2012 and has since grown into a wonderful space that is run by our students, staff and community volunteers. The Edible Garden is made up of raised beds, a poly-tunnel, a forest garden, a pond and an orchard. The produce that is harvested is available to all, encouraging organic and healthy diets and providing a valuable resource for students who may be on a budget. The garden is there to be used by all, whether to get involved in gardening or enjoy the space for a nature break – it needs regular maintenance to keep it in good condition and to be accessible.

Position Summary

The Edible Garden Volunteer will actively participate in the maintenance, cultivation, and support of our edible garden. This role is essential for creating a welcoming and sustainable green space that benefits students, staff and our wider community, promotes environmental awareness and fosters a sense of wellbeing.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist with planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting crops in the garden.
- Help maintain general maintenance of the garden include clearing pathways and cutting back branches.
- Participate in edible garden events.
- Educate and engage other members of the university and wider community in sustainable gardening practices.

Skills & Abilities:

- Interested in gardening and sustainable practices.
- Willingness to learn and work collaboratively with others.
- All gardening abilities are welcome. No prior gardening knowledge is required, training can be provided.

Personal Qualities:

- Organised and dependable
- Respect for others
- Passionate for learning and getting involved with community projects.

Training

Our volunteers will receive necessary training on how to use garden tools and techniques safely and appropriately, as well as receive additional optional one-off CV skills-based training sessions. This

optional CV skills workshop is to help write up about the skills learned in this position and how it can be applied to future job applications.

Benefits

- Contribute to the creation and maintenance of a vibrant green space.
- Gain hands-on gardening experience and knowledge.
- Connect with like-minded individuals.
- Promote sustainability and environmental awareness.
- Enjoy the physical and mental health benefits of spending time in nature.
- References for CVs

How to Apply

Please email your interest for this position to sustainability@gre.ac.uk and we will be in contact with you as soon as possible.