



Community Food Growing Volunteer

The Hub, Alexandra Park & Northern Roots, Snipe Clough, Oldham

Role description

Would you like to join our friendly volunteer team and help grow and pack food for local communities in need? Northern Roots has teamed up with Alexandra Park Growing Hub to create a new growing project on the Northern Roots site, which will grow fresh veg for communities across Oldham.

Gardening has been proven to have therapeutic benefits, helping alleviate isolation and improve wellbeing, through gentle exercise, getting outside, growing plants and social interaction. The role will help you to develop skills in gardening and food growing. You get to work outdoors, grow some great tasting fruit and veg and meet new people. You could make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable and isolated people as well as enjoying a share of the fresh produce and the satisfaction of collaborative working.

Main duties

The focus of the role over the autumn and winter months will be to assist in preparing the growing areas for planting again after summer harvests. There are new beds to create and overwintering crops to care for.

Please note that in bad weather, there is no shelter on Northern Roots site, so you need to be happy working in all weathers. We rarely cancel sessions, instead plan alternative and sheltered activities at The Hub.

Food growing or allotment experience would be a benefit, but not essential. Volunteers in this role, at times, will be expected to be able to work independently, with limited supervision.

We are specifically looking for volunteers between September and March to assist with preparing the growing areas for over winter and spring planting and the creation of further growing beds.

Weekly Volunteer Session Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-12pm & 1-3pm. If interested in volunteering, please contact Hannah to find out about availability.

COVID-19 considerations:

We are committed to providing a safe volunteering environment. Our sessions have been risk assessed for Covid-19 safety.

You will be asked to complete a register, providing your contact details and observe current Covid 19 guidelines.

Due to the current restrictions, to maintain social distancing there will be limited access to The Hub facilities. At this time, we are unable to offer drinks. You are welcome to bring your own. Toilet facilities are available in the park.

If interested

If interested, please contact Hannah Williams to find out which sessions have availability and to chat about the role. Before volunteering we will ask you to come for an induction and complete a registration form.

Contact: hannah.williams@oldham.gov.uk