



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 food for local communities in need? In 2020, Northern Roots teamed up with Alexandra Park Growing Hub (Oldham Council) to create a growing project on the Northern Roots site. The project was established to grow fresh fruit and veg to help support communities across Oldham during the Covid 19 pandemic.

Gardening has been proven to have therapeutic benefits, helping to 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 winter into spring months is to prepare new growing beds on the Northern Roots site, in the 'no dig' style, and to sow seeds and transplant seedlings when ready.

Please note that in bad weather, there is no shelter on site, so you need to be happy working in all weathers. Sessions may be cancelled in bad weather. 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.

Weekly Volunteer Session Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-12pm & 1-3pm.

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 provide your contact details and observe current Covid 19 guidelines.

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