



Urban Farm & Environmental Volunteer

Role description

Volunteer role title	Urban Farm & Environmental Volunteer
Where this role will take place	Northern Roots, Off Kings Road, Oldham OL8 2BJ
Overview of role	<p>This is a new opportunity to join an 8-week volunteer programme, working with the Northern Roots team to create the first stage of the urban farm, and to help manage the wider site.</p> <p>If you love being outdoors, enjoy practical work and want to improve the natural environment and get involved in creating an urban farm from scratch, this could be for you.</p> <p>Northern Roots is creating the UK's largest urban farm and eco-park on 160-acres, ten minutes from Oldham town centre.</p> <p>The Northern Roots site stretches from Alexandra Park at the northern end of the site, past Park Bridge, to Bankfield Clough at the southern end of the site.</p>
What the role will involve	<p>During the 8-week programme you could be involved in the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban farm set-up: creating growing areas, putting up polytunnels, growing vegetables.

- Woodland management and conservation tasks, including habitat creation and hedge maintenance.
- Improving path access, litter picking.

Volunteer hours for this role

The volunteer hours for this role are:

3 hours per week, Thursdays 10.00am - 1pm for 8 weeks.

The programme starts **Thursday 2nd February 2023** and finishes on **Thursday 23rd March 2023**.

Key Contact

Georgia Forsyth, Urban Farm & Landscape Manager, Northern Roots

Role requirements

Training / qualifications: No requirements

Skills and experience: Essential – none
Desirable – none, however any previous volunteering experience and any environmental, woodland management or path maintenance skills will be an asset

Personal qualities: • Enthusiasm in working outdoors
• Enjoy practical tasks
• Interest in the natural world

Other Priority will be given to volunteers who live locally to the Northern Roots site.

What you will gain from the role

- Skills in woodland management, path and route maintenance, habitat creation, growing food.
- Life skills - team working, communication, problem solving, self-confidence and personal management.
- Meet new people, develop friendships.
- Satisfaction in the impact your contribution has made as part of a collective effort.
- Opportunity for further volunteering.
- Kudos - being part of the Northern Roots project working for:
 - environmental change
 - bio-diversity in Oldham
 - bringing people together

Thank you for considering a volunteering role with Northern Roots, Oldham