



Volunteer Role Title: Horticulture Assistant

Aim of volunteering role:

To work, either around or within the "Your Space" social and activity club sessions for children and young people diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Condition in order to create an accessible community sensory and wildlife garden and/or gardening opportunities within sessions.

Tasks:

1. If gardening with children – to recognise and support individuals in areas designated by the Activity Leader
2. To take part in the various gardening activities as designated by Activity leader.
3. To help maintain a safe and appropriate environment for fun and engagement.
4. Help to present "Your Space" information to parents, carers and the community and assist in the setting up and closing down of the sessions, where necessary.

Targets:

1. to understand the nature of Autism and the difficulties that individuals may have.
2. to aid individuals in their enjoyment and communication with others.
3. to work as a community to create an exciting and accessible new space.

Time:

Flexible time commitment, ideally volunteers should be available for one day/ evening per month (or up to two days per holiday week) in order for a workable rota to be implemented and for the children and young people to recognise and build positive relationships with those assisting them. However, the initial building of the garden will be carried out over a 3-week intensive programme, so volunteers may work during this time too.

Place of work:

Your Space, Black Park Chapel, Halton, Chirk, Wrexham. LL14 5BB for the sensory garden. Gwersyllt Resource Centre, 2nd Avenue, Wrexham, LL11 4ED for other sessions.

Volunteer coordinator:

Tamara Hall.

Transport needed:

Volunteers do not require own transport during volunteering hours.

Skills required:

1. Interest in and commitment to the complex needs of children and young people with an A.S.C.
2. Interest in and ability to work with or without children on activities offered (gardening and wildlife).
3. A good communicator; a sense of humour; flexibility and a team player.

Benefits offered:

1. The chance to be part of a new and exciting project and help with its growth
2. On the job training and chance to undergo further mandatory training and specific autism courses.
3. Travel expenses paid.
4. Insurance cover.

References:

One reference required.

Volunteers working directly with children or vulnerable adults will be required to undergo an enhanced police check.

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