



Community Gardener

Glengall Wharf Garden

About us

We are a group of local people who have created and are developing a vibrant community garden in the heart of Southwark. Situated at the east end of Burgess Park, we are a large open site with lots going on. Volunteer led, we run a wide range of activities including beekeeping, permaculture, chicken keeping, growing and maintenance of the garden. More about us here www.burgessparkfoodproject.org.uk

Why we need you

Our many eager volunteers who garden with us need a friendly, expert grower who can coordinate and lead food growing at the garden, provide support and help develop ideas to expand growing, increase productivity and make growing safe and welcoming for all.

About the role

Rate of pay £15 /hour ie £90 / day April - July 2017

- This is a part time role for **1 day / 6 hours per week eg 10 - 4.** A key role at the garden, we are looking to fund it on a more permanent basis and for further hours later in 2017 and beyond.
- You will lead a regular weekly session for volunteers at GWG with the focus on overseeing our food growing programme.
- We haven't set the day yet, but it's likely to be a monday, wednesday or friday.
- We are also looking to fund one saturday session per month to deliver more focused learning to weekend volunteers.

Responsibilities

- Lead food growing (including our growing group) at the garden with input from volunteers, to oversee growing and work with volunteers to plan ahead.
- Organise a weekly gardening session for volunteers.
- Help develop planting plans, crop rotations, work schedules, seed purchases.
- Manage comms for social media - promoting the session via existing channels eg facebook, twitter, instagram and our wordpress blog.
- Manage a small budget for seed purchases etc and highlight further items needed to purchase.
- Be an ambassador for the garden - meeting and greeting visitors.

Person specification

Essential

- At least 3 years experience of food growing and gardening with community groups
- Passionate about community gardening and food growing.
- Strong communication / people skills, familiar with working collaboratively with a range of different people, including volunteers, families, those with English as a second language, and people with additional needs and able to delegate tasks appropriate to different skill levels and physical ability.
- Confident, with a good understanding of and commitment to diversity, equal opportunities and safe working practices.
- Social media skills to promote project including facebook, twitter, instagram.
- A self starter, able to work on own initiative, prioritise tasks and meet deadlines.

Desirable

- Local, with good knowledge of local networks, organisations and groups
- Broader knowledge of the food growing scene and horticulture in London
- Knowledge of permaculture and its application in soil care, growing and more.
- First aid certificate

We offer

- A supportive work environment reflecting the friendly and diverse nature of the voluntary community group and its existing skills and structures.
- Opportunities to grow and develop the project with us, this could include supporting the group in writing funding bids to secure the role long term.
- Opportunities to help develop other projects on site

Other information

- The role is initially for 16 weeks. We are actively looking for further funding to extend the role over the whole growing season and beyond.
- This is a freelance role where you will be responsible for your own tax and NI.
- There is an expectation of some evening and weekend work where needed.
- We will expect you to have the legal right to work in the UK.

Application

Please respond with a short cover letter outlining your suitability for the role, and your CV.

The letter should clearly set out how your knowledge and experience meets the requirements of the job specification.

Please also confirm the date you would be able to start, and the contact details (including email address) for two references, one of which should be your most recent employer.

Deadline for application noon, Friday 10th march

Send application to Sue Amos at burgessfoodproject@gmail.com. Any questions can be sent to the same email.

Interviews will be held on Saturday March 18th

We would expect the successful candidate to start at the beginning of April.

We'll only be contacting people who we select for interview.