

Volunteer Gardener

Wolverhampton

About this volunteer role

Volunteer role: Volunteer gardener

Purpose: To maintain the garden at Lord Street and create a pleasant environment for service users

Location: Lord Street, Wolverhampton

Accountable to: Centre Manager

Accountable for: None

Key tasks

- Mowing the lawn, planting, weeding, watering plants, general plant care, safe use of tools and equipment.

Key skills, experience and attributes required:

- Gardening experience is essential.
- Skills to include growing vegetables.
- Lots of enthusiasm.

Special requirements:

- A willingness to work in an environment with guide dogs.
- An ability to adhere to health and safety procedures.
- References and a Criminal Records Bureau check will be required for all volunteer roles.

Benefits to individuals of performing this role:

- Develop good interpersonal skills.
- Acquire new skills and specialist knowledge.
- The knowledge that your contribution will provide a pleasant place for service users to spend time.
- The enjoyment of meeting new people.
- The opportunity to gain experience of the voluntary and charity sector.

Further information

It is expected that all volunteers:

- Undertake their volunteering in accordance with the [values of the charity](#). These values promote respect of service users recognising their skills and entitlement to choice and independence.
- Adhere to Pocklington's volunteering policy and support the principles outlined in the organisation's [equality and diversity policy](#).
- Attend any training required to support the Charity's health and safety policies and the ability to carry out the role effectively.

For further information on this volunteer opportunity, please contact the Volunteer and Activities Co-ordinator at Lord Street, Wolverhampton on 01902 779180 for an informal discussion.

For further information on [Wolverhampton Services](#), please visit our [Housing, care and support](#) pages.

Registering an interest

To register an interest in this volunteering opportunity, please complete our [online volunteer registration form](#) in the first instance. Once we have received and reviewed your application, we'll contact you to progress your application further.

If you require a copy of the registration form in an alternative format, or require any further assistance, please contact the [Volunteering Team](#).

Volunteer case study



Hazel, 21, began volunteering at Pocklington Place, in Northfield, Birmingham, in April 2010. At the time, she was also a student at Queen Alexandra College

in Harborne, Birmingham, which specialises in providing support to young people with visual impairment and other disabilities. Hazel was initially quite nervous about volunteering and interacting with service users.

While volunteering, Hazel assisted with art and craft workshops at the centre, supporting older visually-impaired people to access and participate in a range of activities. The workshops included painting, pottery, stencilling, printing, drawing and sculpture. Hazel delivered workshops on a weekly basis along with two other students, and was supported by a worker from the college. The service users regularly attended the workshops, developing their skills and experiencing new styles of art and craft. They thoroughly enjoyed working with Hazel.

During the course of her volunteering Hazel's confidence and self esteem grew. Hazel felt her communication skills improved, and she was able to encourage individuals to participate fully in the workshops. She is now motivated and eager to continue studying art and design. She said of her experience: *"I really liked the people, they were all really nice. I enjoyed delivering the art workshops and developing my existing skills"*.



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