

Volunteer Role Description

Gardening Volunteer

Reporting to: Volunteer Coordinator and/or Operations Manager

Accuro provides a range of services for children, young people and adults with a disability & their family. The recruitment of volunteers is seen as an essential & vital component in the delivery of these services.

Accuro offers a range of different volunteering opportunities & attempts to match potential volunteers to the most appropriate volunteering role/s for them.

The Accuro offices at Tocher House, Start Hill, Bishop's Stortford have a varied and interesting garden including a patio with raised beds, pond area and a woodland nature trail. The gardens and grounds are used as a venue for some Clubs and activities and require regular maintenance. A gardening volunteer would help to maintain the garden throughout the year working with fellow volunteers or independently.

The role of a Gardening Volunteer could include:

- Gardening maintenance to include weeding, hedge trimming, dead heading, cutting back in the Tocher House garden, grounds and car park
- Clearing of leaves and keeping paths swept
- Watering and feeding of plants
- Plant and maintain raised beds
- Jet washing patio areas where necessary
- Lawn mowing (own equipment to be used, petrol only)

This role offers the volunteer an opportunity to:

- Be part of a supportive team.
- Make a difference in your local community.
- Use your skills and knowledge to help us maintain our beautiful garden.

"I have such pleasure in seeing the garden change throughout the year. Knowing I am part of a team that helps the charity use the garden for Clubs and activities for local people with a disability is so rewarding"

Mike, Accuro Gardening Volunteer 2022.

Promoting safeguarding & well-being:

Accuro is committed to safeguarding & promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff & volunteers to share this commitment.

All volunteers will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and 2 reference checks prior to commencing any volunteering activities with Accuro & will be required to undertake appropriate training relating to safeguarding.

Rights & Entitlements:

- Out of pocket expenses
- Ongoing support and advice
- Training pertinent to the role
- Review & appraisal

Hopes & Expectations:

- Hours to be by mutual agreement between volunteer Manager with 2 hours a week considered a minimum requirement.
- Becoming a member of a friendly, supportive, and fun team.
- Expressing ideas for new/different fundraising activities.
- Attending volunteer meetings & training sessions relevant to the role.
- Awareness of appropriate language & behaviour when representing Accuro
- To follow the guidelines and policies of Accuro.

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