



**Title of Role:** Colab Garden Volunteer

**Responsible to:** Business & Operations Manager

### **Purpose of Role**

Whether you are a skilled and experienced home gardener, you have an interest in creating and cultivating green urban spaces, or simply just enjoy being outside and getting your hands dirty, our garden volunteer opportunities might be just what you are looking for.

We have a small urban garden that is always in need of love and attention and we are looking for volunteers to help us transform the space into a flourishing environment. The space is also used for group work and wellbeing activities so it is doubly important that we maintain the space as a peaceful, therapeutic and enjoyable place.

We are looking for people to help us with developing an annual sowing and growing plan, becoming more environmentally friendly, and ongoing maintenance.

Ideally we would like to support a diverse group of volunteers who have a range of experience and expertise to offer.

Times and Days to be confirmed around availability.

### **Main duties and responsibilities**

- Work as part of a group of volunteers to carry out garden maintenance and projects, this could be:
  - weeding and sweeping up

- clearing up rubbish
- planting and sowing seeds
- watering plants
- cutting back, pruning and maintaining plants
- Harvesting and preparing any fruit/vegetables/herbs and cut flowers that are grown
- tidying up and making sure the outside spaces are welcoming and well kept
- Contribute to design ideas and plans to improve the outside space making it more environmentally friendly, accessible and suitable for groups and activities that use it from Spring through to Autumn
- Help to design and put in place an annual schedule of maintenance and planting to make sure that the garden is well looked after and ready for each new season
- Helping to fundraise for and promote the garden project at events or on social media

### **Personal skills and qualities**

A keen interest in and/or knowledge of:

- Maintaining and looking after a small garden space
- An interest in developing urban spaces to become more environmentally friendly and sustainable
- Friendly and interested in becoming part of a group, and learning from and supporting each other
- Willing to offer some commitment to see through at least a season of garden activity
- Enthusiasm for the project and a desire to see the garden space develop and flourish
- An interest in and commitment to the aims and values of Colab Exeter, able to understand and relate to people from all walks of life and who may have lived experience of the issues we support in our work

### **Training**

- The group will work together to look at tasks and duties and learn from and support each other
- Health and Safety and Risk Assessment will be explained and provided and any relevant training and support offered where required

### **Support and Supervision**

- Group de-brief weekly and the option to have individual support if needed