



Role Description

Welsh Harp Centre Gardening Volunteer

Location – Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre (WHEEC), Birchen Grove, NW9 8RY

You will be required to:

- Attend an induction to WHEEC and Thames21 charity.
- Be available on most Tuesdays 2.30pm – 4.30pm to join the existing group.

Responsible to –

Debra Frankiewicz, Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre Officer.
Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre, Birchen Grove, NW9 8RY.
Thames21, Walbrook Wharf, 78-83 Upper Thames Street, London EC4R 3TD (head office).

Thames21 is the leading waterway charity in London. The charity is a vibrant and growing organisation with over 25 staff, with projects that are located across Greater London as well as offices in both Central and East London. This small, dynamic charity is creating opportunities for volunteers to join the team.

Why we want you:

We have an amazing local community space attended by thousands of school children each year which needs someone passionate about the environment and making this a great place for children and the community to visit. To do this we need the support of someone local to help us care for and nurture the site to keep it safe and running smoothly.

What you will do:

- Undertake any small gardening jobs necessary to maintain the woodland pathways, teaching spaces and play area using hand tools such as secateurs, shears and loppers. This will include trimming brambles and pulling stinging nettles. Tools and boots provided.
- Occasionally help the Education Officer with preparing for upcoming school sessions and tidying up after sessions.

What is in it for you?

- Get active outdoors in the fresh air in a lovely nature setting at the education centre.
- Give back to your local community by helping to make the centre a safe and exciting place for children's activities.
- Gain valuable skills and experience in gardening work.
- Wildlife spotting opportunities.
- Opportunity to meet new people.

Person Specification

Knowledge, skills and competencies:	Desirable	Essential
Good organisational skills		✓
Punctual and reliable		✓
Keen to work outdoors in any weather		✓
Ability to absorb information quickly		✓
Clear communication skills		✓
Interpersonal skills - confident manner with staff and centre visitors	✓	
Can use own initiative	✓	

To apply

If you are interested in applying for this voluntary role, please email Debra Frankiewicz (deb.frankiewicz@thames21.org.uk) with a paragraph about yourself and why you would like to volunteer at the Welsh Harp Education Centre or call on 07711 701 694 to register your interest.

The next stage will be to meet with Deb at the Welsh Harp Centre for an informal meeting and tour of the centre to assess suitability for the role.