



Role Description

Role Title: Volunteer Gardener
Responsible To: Director of Operations
Hours: A minimum of 3 hours a week (ideally on a Wednesday or Friday)
Location: West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent

Background:

Dandelion Time transforms the lives of traumatised children in Kent. Our therapeutic approach is family based, embedded in nature with a range of activities that engage head, heart, and hands. This nurturing farm environment allows children to build self-belief, strengthen relationships and develop the skills and aspirations for a brighter future.

Role Outline:

The Volunteer Gardener will be part of a team of volunteers helping our Family Farm Manager to care for our vegetable and fruit garden, polytunnel, fields and woodland.

Main Responsibilities may include some or all of the following:

- General weeding, pruning and tidying of flower beds
- Digging, forking, mulching, watering, raking, edging, bed preparation and planting
- Grass cutting
- Making and preparing compost for use in the grounds
- Looking after garden machinery and tools
- Some animal husbandry may be included

Skills and Competencies:

You will, ideally, have some experience of gardening and / or a willingness to learn
You will be self-motivated and enthusiastic and able to work on your own and as part of a team
You will be able to work around other people, including vulnerable families at times
You will be inclusive, honest, trustworthy, and reliable
You will be reasonably fit and willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions

Other requirements of the post:

Dandelion Time require all staff and volunteers to have a current Enhanced DBS check (organised by the Volunteer Coordinator).