

# Play With Your Food

## the hidden gardens

### Community Programme Volunteer

#### Role Description

This role provides you with the opportunity to become part of our friendly team of community programme volunteers at The Hidden Gardens. You will be supporting families with young children aged 0-3 in a programme of activity related to creative play with food, nature and their children. The group is run by two experienced artists/ food workers.

#### Hours and location

**Tuesdays 13 March - 19 June 2018** (excluding school holidays)

**9.30-12pm**

In The Hidden Gardens Boilerhouse, 25a Albert Drive G41 2PE

As a volunteer you will be involved in a variety of tasks with the support of the facilitators. These may include;

- Providing language support for the families
- Helping the families locate The Hidden Gardens
- Supporting families to engage with activities related to creative interaction and play with food, nature and their children
- Being friendly and welcoming, and happy to have a chat with all participants
- Assisting the facilitators including setting up and tidying away
- Encouraging participation in local community activities

#### **Successful *Play With Your Food* volunteers will have:**

- Language skills- Romanes, Albanian, Slovakian, Urdu, Punjabi or Arabic
- An enthusiasm and interest for working with families and young children
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal
- A positive, friendly and approachable manner
- Reliability
- A willingness to learn and develop
- An anti-discriminatory approach to working with others from all sections of the community
- The ability to work reliably and as part of a team

#### **And, ideally**

- Creative with a personal interest and experience in the arts/cooking/nature
- A personal interest in family health and wellbeing

We make sure our volunteers have the opportunity to add to their knowledge and develop their community engagement skills through training and practical application.

The Hidden Gardens is situated between the communities of Pollokshields and Govanhill - the most culturally diverse area of Scotland - so you will be the welcoming face of the gardens when you volunteer promoting the aims of the gardens as a sanctuary space – a community greenspace – open to all.

An induction and day to day guidance and support from the Community Programme Manager will be provided with regular ongoing support from the Volunteer Manager.

Applicants for this position will be required to be available on a Tuesday morning 9.30-12am and preferably available for 12 weeks after the initial 4 week trial period. There may also be further opportunities to volunteer during the rest of the year.

**Contact Grace for an Application Pack on 0141 433 2722 or [grace@thehiddengardens.org.uk](mailto:grace@thehiddengardens.org.uk)**

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