



# Friday Gardening Group

## Gardening Program Assistant

The Holly Lodge Centre is an education charity based in the beautiful surroundings of Richmond Park. We specialise in providing outstanding workshops for schools and delivering bespoke sensory sessions for children and adults with special educational needs and disabilities.

We are seeking volunteers to join our Friday morning gardening team. Every Friday morning a group of students from a specialist SEND school join us to help us in our thriving Victorian-style kitchen garden with planting, watering and harvesting our delicious fruit and vegetables. You do not need to have any gardening knowledge as you will be guided by our experienced gardening team leads. Experience working with teens with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD) is an asset, but not necessary as you will be guided by experienced professional carers. This is a great opportunity for anyone seeking to gain experience working with this population. The gardening group meets Friday mornings during term time during the growing season (April-July, September-October).

You are a person who moves through the world with kindness and empathy for people with learning needs and disabilities. You are reliable and punctual, flexible, adaptable, and able to respond to sudden changes. You have curiosity and enthusiasm for learning new things. This is a 12-week program so you must be available Friday mornings on a weekly or fortnightly basis for the duration of the term 25 April to 18 July and able to attend a training session on the morning of 11 April. You should have suitable physical fitness to do small gardening tasks such as planting, harvesting, watering, etc. Our facility is fully accessible.

**Time Commitment:** Training session Friday, 11 April from 10:00 – 12:30

12 Friday mornings 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM from 25 April to 18 July

No session 30 May for half-term break

**Skills:** None required, however experience with teens with profound multiple learning disabilities (PMLD) is an asset

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