

## Volunteer Role Description

<b>Volunteer role:</b> Horticulture Volunteer, Queen Mary's Garden			
<b>Start date</b>	Ongoing	<b>End date</b>	Ongoing
<b>Lead contact</b>	Mark Rowe – Assistant Park Manager	<b>Location</b>	Queen Mary's Garden, Regent's Park

<b>Description</b>	<p>Queen Mary's Garden is home to the largest rose garden in London, a collection of Delphiniums, Mediterranean and herbaceous borders as well as large seasonal bedding displays.</p> <p>We are looking for volunteers to help with a wide range of tasks including planting, weeding and pruning. You will work alongside skilled staff and get a chance to learn about practical horticulture, garden design and plant identification.</p> <p>It is a great opportunity for someone with gardening experience who is looking to develop their skills and gain hands-on experience of horticulture in a public garden.</p>
<b>Main activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the gardening team and other volunteers in a wide variety of general gardening tasks including weeding, watering, planting edging, mulching etc.</li> <li>• Help to maintain tools and equipment</li> <li>• Learn about plant identification, habitat management and garden design</li> </ul>
<b>Time commitment</b>	This role would suit someone who can give a regular commitment of one day per week (Mon-Fri, 9:30am-3:30pm) for at least six months.
<b>Personal attributes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reliable and committed</li> <li>• Passionate about horticulture</li> <li>• Knowledge of basic garden maintenance is desirable to undertake tasks such as hand weeding and edging up planted shrub beds</li> <li>• Happy to work independently</li> <li>• Willing to work outdoors (in all weathers!)</li> </ul>

<b>What you will gain:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience working in a spectacular central London garden</li> <li>• Develop your horticulture knowledge working side by side with our experienced gardeners</li> <li>• Hands-on skills in tool use, garden design, plant identification</li> <li>• An understanding of health and safety including tool use and safe working practices</li> <li>• Unique knowledge of the Royal Parks</li> </ul>
<b>Useful information:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and PPE will be provided for this role</li> <li>• Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed (up to £12.80 per day)</li> <li>• You will need to be over 18 years old to carry out this role</li> <li>• A uniform and ID card will be provided</li> </ul>
<b>Next steps</b>	Please note that this role is now full until January 2020. Please email the Volunteer Team ( <a href="mailto:volunteering@royalparks.org.uk">volunteering@royalparks.org.uk</a> ) to be added to the waiting list. We'll be in touch in the new year with further information.