

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY WITH EASTLEIGH BOROUGH AND ROMSEY MENCAP

GARDENING CLUB VOLUNTEER

About the opportunity

Our Gardening Club is held at allotments in West End, Southampton, and managed by our Co-ordinator. We have been fortunate enough to acquire a second allotment recently, which needs some work doing to it before our members can start growing flowers and vegetables on it.

The Gardening Club is held on a Monday afternoon and Saturday morning during March to October, but volunteers can, if they wish, visit our allotments during other times of the week to carry out maintenance work or help with watering the beds during hot weather. We hold regular meetings during the winter months to prepare for the next season.

We are looking for someone who enjoys being outdoors, has an interest in gardening, but also some practical and carpentry skills who would enjoy doing maintenance work on fences and gates and might like to be a bit creative!

About Eastleigh Borough & Romsey MENCAP Society

Eastleigh Borough and Romsey MENCAP Society runs a number of activities and projects in the region aimed at supporting people with learning disabilities who live with their families, in supported housing or independently. Full details are available on our website www.ebrmencap.org.uk. We also have 3 to 4 social events for our members and their carers throughout the year. The Society is run by volunteers and employs 6 staff.

What are we looking for?

You do not need to be an expert gardener, but we are looking for someone who is happy to “muck in” and help the members with learning disabilities to get the most out of their time at the Gardening Club.

You would not be expected to support our members other than to help them with their gardening tasks, or encourage them to help you with any maintenance or repair works.

Practical Considerations

If you are not local to West End, we would be happy to meet reasonable travel expenses.

This opportunity would be ideal for anyone over 18, with good communication skills, and an interest in helping people with learning disabilities to enjoy being outdoors and to improve their gardening skills.

For an informal chat about the role please contact Michelle on 023 8048 3471 or via email – ebr.mencap@ntlworld.com