



Volunteer Gardener at The Ark

Helping maintain the landscaped gardens and grounds at the hospice supporting with general gardening tasks such as: lawn-mowing, planting, weeding, watering, cutting back, potting, cuttings etc.

If you enjoy gardening, as well as doing something for your local community, this might be the role for you!

Noah's Ark takes their responsibility for safeguarding the wellbeing of children seriously. This role is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Application. 2 references are also required.

Opportunities of the role:

- Working as part of a team
- Experience of maintaining gardens which have specific layouts and purposes
- Training and support to build new skills
- You are entitled to claim travelling expenses at the current mileage rate

Qualities/ experience/ skills needed:

- Have a passion for gardening, expertise and knowledge in this area is desirable but not essential
- A friendly personality and willingness to 'muck-in' with the team are essential along with the ability to be adaptable in order to respond to the very varying needs of the children and Hospice visitors.
- A good understanding of the role and of Noah's Ark's expectations of volunteers
- Reliability, commitment and engagement
- Initiative and problem-solving skills
- A good level of self-awareness

We welcome volunteers from all backgrounds with all sorts of skills.



Interviews, training and assessment process: At Noah's Ark we value volunteer support, but we are also aware that not all roles are suitable for everyone. The interview and training process is in place to ensure that the Noah's Ark staff get to know more about you, to ensure that you are given the correct training for the role and so that you can find out if this is a role you would like to undertake. The training process is as follows:

- **Volunteer Information Session:** All potential volunteers have to attend one of these sessions before they are able to support Noah's Ark in any capacity. They are held monthly on weekday evenings or Saturday mornings.
- **Interview:** This will take place at the Noah's Ark Office at a mutually agreeable time.
- **Core Training (3 hours):** Training topics include Confidentiality and Boundaries, giving excellent customer service, grief loss and bereavement and infection control. Held on different days, some daytimes and some evenings.
- **Safeguarding Training (2 ½ hours):** 1 weekday / weekend morning or 1 evening, depending on the schedule, essential for ensuring the safety of our service.
- **On the job training** as appropriate

Time commitment: One morning/afternoon a week during Spring/Summer months, ad-hoc at other times.

Location: The Ark, Byng Road, Barnet, EN5 4NP

Minimum age: 18 years

To apply, please return a completed Volunteer Interest Form to the Volunteering Team: volunteering@noahsarkhospice.org.uk