Gardening Volunteer

Richmond Arts Service and Orleans House Gallery

Can you help us build community through creativity?

Orleans House Gallery

Orleans House Gallery is situated in wooded parkland on Twickenham Riverside. Our volunteer gardening team look after a variety of beds located within the rounds, as well as supporting tasks in the woodland ecosystem and other areas of the site.

Tasks and Responsibilities

- Regular maintenance such as weeding, watering, planting, and pruning
- Learning and applying new horticultural skills
- Developing your skills through maintaining and caring for our herbaceous borders
- Supporting with tasks identified within our Ecosystem Plan
- Increasing the awareness of the environmental and wellbeing benefits of garden and woodland
- Representing the Gallery and Richmond Arts Service

What we hope you will get from the role

- Valuable experience of gardening with a team of passionate and knowledgeable volunteers
- An increased knowledge of horticulture and grounds management
- The opportunity to meet new people and engage with the local community

Training and Support

Our team is led by several volunteers with a range of experience in gardening and horticulture, who guides the team and provides information and support. We have a variety of tools onsite available for use by the team, although we ask you to bring your own gardening gloves. On-going support and supervision are available from staff.

There are also opportunities to engage with the wider activities offered by Richmond Art Service through a varied programme of volunteer events and activities to join in, meet people and learn something new!

Desirable qualities and experience

- Enthusiasm for gardening, arts, heritage and nature
- A willingness to learn more about gardening, horticulture and/or grounds maintenance
- Physically fit due to the nature of the tasks involved
- Enjoys being part of a team
- Ability to complete tasks independently

Availability
The gallery is open to the public Tuesday to Sunday, 10am – 5pm.

Our gardening team meet weekly on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10:30am.

Location
This role is based outdoors, across the site at Orleans House Gallery.

Expenses
We will cover travel expenses up to £17 per day.

How to Apply
Please complete our application form through our website, which is available at https://www.orleanshousegallery.org/get-involved/volunteer/

Our Volunteers Co-ordinator will then contact you for an introductory chat, to learn more about your interest in volunteering and discuss the role further.

Background
Richmond Arts Service is based at Orleans House Gallery on the Riverside in Twickenham, promoting arts and culture through a programme of contemporary art exhibitions, festivals, events and activities for everyone in the community.

We foster creativity and enjoyment of the arts, enable people to reflect on their lives and develop new ways of seeing the world. We bring thought-provoking art to the Borough and cultivate a network of individuals, organisations and programmes that nourishes the arts, local organisations and communities.

Home to the Richmond Borough Art Collection, comprising of over 4,400 artworks, at a site with a rich 300+ year history, Orleans House Gallery works with local, national and international artists and community partners to engage with the community, as we have done since 1972.