

## **Biodiversity/Sustainable Gardening Educational Resources Volunteer**

### **Role Description**

Join our friendly volunteer team at Mitcham Community Orchard to create some educational resources for this beautiful green space. Mitcham Orchard is a peaceful ¼ acre site in a busy urban environment with the aim of nurturing people, wildlife and the planet. We would like to utilise the site to help educate and inform the local community and beyond about sustainable gardening, organic growing, biodiversity and more! To help us do this, we are looking for someone to develop some educational resources, for both children and adults, that we can use for workshops, events and projects.

### **What is involved?**

- ❖ Research the educational potential of the Orchard (ideas for what could be taught, how and to whom) in line with Sustainable Merton's environmental aims and ambitions
- ❖ Liaise with Sustainable Merton and the Orchard volunteer team to understand the above and what resources already exist
- ❖ Develop and share age appropriate resources for use by Sustainable Merton at workshops, events and for adult/school groups visiting the Orchard
- ❖ Create resources following Sustainable Merton's design and branding guidelines

NB: This role could be split so that the volunteer can develop resources for either adults or children depending on their interests and knowledge.

### **This role will suit people who...**

- ❖ Have experience of teaching adults and/or children.
- ❖ Have an understanding of the national curriculum and how nature learning can support children's learning at school (if developing content for children/young people)
- ❖ Can write clearly and concisely and can come up with imaginative/engaging ways to deliver educational information
- ❖ Are knowledgeable and passionate about gardening, growing, biodiversity and/or environmental issues and want to support climate action
- ❖ Are looking to meet new people and volunteer as part of a team

Our community greenspaces are open to everyone; we welcome people of all ages and backgrounds.

### **What's in it for you?**

- ❖ Enjoy the many well-being benefits of being outside and interacting with nature
- ❖ Get experience of developing educational resources for green spaces and learn about Orchard biodiversity
- ❖ Get satisfaction from helping to improve the knowledge and understanding of environmental issues of local people
- ❖ Meet other like-minded people

**Time commitment:**

This role is flexible to suit the needs of the volunteer and the requirements of Sustainable Merton.

**Training:** Warm welcome, induction and guidance provided

**Getting there:** Mitcham Community Orchard & Garden, CR4 3AL

**About Sustainable Merton**

Sustainable Merton is an environmental charity mobilising local residents, groups, organisations and businesses to take practical action to address climate change and improve local quality of life. Our community greenspaces form part of this essential work. To find out more about what we do and how we make a difference, please visit our website: <https://www.sustainablemerton.org/>

**How to apply**

Please contact [growingspaces@sustainablemerton.org](mailto:growingspaces@sustainablemerton.org) if you are interested in this role. We will then arrange an initial chat over the phone and you will be asked for some more information about your knowledge and experience. A visit to the Orchard will also be arranged.