

## Volunteer role description Green woodworker volunteer

### What is a green woodworker volunteer?

Green woodworkers make objects such as stakes and dibbers out of fresh timber. Green woodworking at the Palace requires no prior knowledge or experience and is a team activity taking place throughout the warmer months. Volunteers gain hands-on experience in an historic garden, work wood using sustainable techniques and, after training, produce high-quality items and demonstrate their skills at public events, engaging others with this fascinating handmade craft.



<p><b>What's in it for you?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the opportunity to learn and develop woodworking skills in the surroundings of Fulham Palace</li> <li>• to be involved in a sustainable, environmentally-friendly practice incorporating handmade techniques from start to finish</li> <li>• meet like-minded individuals and become part of a fun and social team</li> <li>• get creative with natural materials, working with your hands and using a traditional craft</li> <li>• produce high quality items, some of which will be for sale in the Fulham Palace shop and on the barrow</li> <li>• to be involved with a positive and engaging volunteer culture including social events, outings, forums and our volunteer portal where volunteers are able to contribute blog posts; join in discussions with other volunteers, sign up to sessions and access all the information you need as a volunteer online</li> <li>• a reference when you have volunteered with us regularly for 6 months</li> </ul>
<p><b>What's involved?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• working in a team, woodworking together outside in Fulham Palace botanic garden</li> <li>• crafting wooden heritage items from green wood, usually from the Palace garden</li> <li>• inspiring others through demonstrating the craft at Palace family events, usually taking place on a weekend</li> <li>• creating bespoke signage for the Palace garden</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• volunteers work in a group together with a minimum of two people</li> <li>• most tasks are physically demanding and require manual dexterity but the role does not require previous experience</li> </ul>
<b>This role will suit people who...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enjoy - being creative, being outdoors and hands-on work</li> <li>• initiative - bring enthusiasm to their work</li> <li>• experience - all levels of woodworking experience are accepted but interest in outside, practical work is essential</li> <li>• flexible - willing to give support where necessary and be able to adapt plans at short notice to adapt to changing priorities</li> <li>• approachable - have positive attitude where staff and management feel at ease to approach and discuss in a constructive manner</li> <li>• ability to listen and follow instructions</li> <li>• ability to work safely and to not endanger yourself or others, using common sense to maintain a safe working environment</li> <li>• able to work in a team with people of wide ranging ages and abilities</li> </ul>
<b>Availability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• woodworking days: every second monday and fourth friday of the month</li> <li>• prompt start from 10.15am (or join the team for tea break at 9.45am) and finish by 4pm</li> <li>• lunch break - 12.30pm to 1.30pm</li> </ul>
<b>Main contact</b>	Lucy Hart, head gardener
<b>Training/Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• access to our woodwork training programme including in-house training from experienced green woodworkers, formal training by an external green woodworker and lots of opportunities to learn as you go through practice</li> <li>• full induction including health and safety procedures, fire safety and customer service</li> <li>• all new volunteers have an introduction period, this is a settling in time of around 6 weeks. This is an opportunity for both parties to reflect and make any adjustments to the role that are needed</li> <li>• access to our volunteer's website, the 'volunteer portal', including a blog, downloadable resources, rota and events page</li> </ul>
<b>Getting to the Palace</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the nearest tube station is Putney Bridge</li> <li>• the nearest railway station is Putney</li> <li>• there are several bus stops within walking distance</li> <li>• we reimburse travel expenses up to £8 per session</li> </ul>
<b>What next?</b>	Please get in touch by completing an enquiry form, available at: <a href="https://www.fulhampalace.org/get-involved/volunteer-at-fulham-palace/">https://www.fulhampalace.org/get-involved/volunteer-at-fulham-palace/</a>

	<p>If you have any questions you can contact our volunteer enquiry assistants by emailing <a href="mailto:volunteer@fulhampalace.org">volunteer@fulhampalace.org</a> or calling 020 7751 2433</p>
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	<p>Potential volunteers will be invited to an informal interview to discuss the role further in person.</p>
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<p>Fulham Palace values the involvement of volunteers; they enhance everything we are able to do. We are committed to offering volunteer opportunities of a high standard and welcome feedback.</p>
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