

Fulham Palace House & Garden

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>What's in it for you?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the opportunity to learn and develop woodworking skills in the surroundings of Fulham Palace • to be involved in a sustainable, environmentally-friendly practice incorporating handmade techniques from start to finish • meet like-minded individuals and become part of a fun and social team • get creative with natural materials, working with your hands and using a traditional craft • produce high quality items, some of which will be for sale in the Fulham Palace shop and on the barrow • 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 • a reference when you have volunteered with us regularly for 6 months
<p>What's involved?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working in a team, woodworking together outside in Fulham Palace botanic garden • crafting wooden heritage items from green wood, usually from the Palace garden • inspiring others through demonstrating the craft at Palace family events, usually taking place on a weekend • creating bespoke signage for the Palace garden • volunteers work in a group together with a minimum of two people • most tasks are physically demanding and require manual dexterity but the role does not require previous experience

<p>This role will suit people who...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enjoy - being creative, being outdoors and hands-on work • initiative – bring enthusiasm to their work • experience - all levels of woodworking experience are accepted but interest in outside, practical work is essential • flexible – willing to give support where necessary and be able to adapt plans at short notice to adapt to changing priorities • approachable – have positive attitude where staff and management feel at ease to approach and discuss in a constructive manner • ability to listen and follow instructions • ability to work safely and to not endanger yourself or others, using common sense to maintain a safe working environment • able to work in a team with people of wide ranging ages and abilities
<p>Availability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • woodworking days: usually meeting once a week on Fridays (but this can vary depending on the groups availability throughout the year) • prompt start from 10.15am (or join the team for tea break at 9.45am) and finish by 15.30pm • lunch break – 12.30pm to 1.30pm
<p>Main contact</p>	<p>Lucy Hart, head gardener</p>
<p>Training/Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • full induction including health and safety procedures, fire safety and customer service • 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 • access to our volunteer’s website, the ‘volunteer portal’, including a blog, downloadable resources, rota and events page
<p>Getting to the Palace</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the nearest tube station is Putney Bridge • the nearest railway station is Putney • there are several bus stops within walking distance • we reimburse travel expenses up to £8 per session
<p>What next?</p>	<p>Please get in touch by completing an enquiry form, available at: https://www.fulhampalace.org/get-involved/volunteer-at-fulham-palace/</p> <p>If you have any questions you can contact our volunteer enquiry assistants by emailing volunteer@fulhampalace.org or calling 020 7751 2433</p> <p>Potential volunteers will be invited to an informal interview to discuss the role further in person.</p>
<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>	