



Fulham Palace House & Garden



Garden corporate volunteering guide



About Fulham Palace

Fulham Palace is the historic home to the Bishops of London since 704 AD. A vast site encompassing a suite of Grade I listed buildings and a 13-acre Grade II listed garden, it is now open to the public seven days a week, all year round, for free.

The Palace garden

The Palace garden is the second oldest botanic garden in London. Today, it is home to a wide variety of carefully cultivated plants including organic vegetable beds, a 200-foot wisteria and an ancient 500-year old Holm oak. We have a particular focus on biodiversity and sustainable gardening techniques, and we share our work and expertise with local volunteers as well as community schemes like the get into gardening project.

Fulham Palace Trust

Fulham Palace Trust is an independent charity dedicated to preserving and sharing this historic site for future generations. We rely on visitors, donations, and volunteers to continue our work, and we are extremely grateful for the support provided through corporate volunteering.

Your volunteering session

During your volunteering session you'll have the opportunity to muck in with everything from bed preparation to tree circle maintenance to scrub clearance and mulching. You'll also be invited to join us for a bespoke tour of the walled garden and given the opportunity to meet our friendly flock of Palace chickens!

Schedule

The garden team are happy to offer either a half-day or full-day volunteering session. Please see below for details of the associated schedules.

Half day - Morning

10:00 | *Introduction to Fulham Palace Trust*

10:20 - 12:30 | *Gardening activity*

- task briefing
- health and safety briefing
- practical demonstration
- gardening time!
- final debrief

12:30 - 13:00 | *Tour of the walled garden*



Half day - Afternoon

13:00 | *Introduction to Fulham Palace Trust*

13:20 - 15:30 | *Gardening Activity*

- task briefing
- health and safety briefing
- practical demonstration
- gardening time!
- final debrief

15:30 - 16:00 | *Tour of the walled garden*



Full day*

10:15 | *Introduction to Fulham Palace Trust*

10:30 - 12:30 | *Gardening Activity*

- task briefing
- health and safety briefing
- practical demonstration
- gardening time!
- final debrief

12:30 - 13:30 | *Lunch*

13:30 - 15:30 | *Gardening activity 2*

15:30 - 16:00 | *Tour of the walled garden*

**Limited availability - please enquire first*



Q + A's

Lunch arrangements

Volunteers are welcome to visit the drawing room café in the main Palace building for a range of delicious food and drink. If you would like to arrange a catered lunch service for an additional fee, you can contact the café team at **functions@fulhampalace.org**.

You are also welcome to bring a packed lunch along to enjoy in the garden itself.

What sort of clothing will I need to wear?

We recommend wearing clothes that you don't mind getting mucky, including sturdy footwear like trainers or walking boots. It's a good idea to bring a light waterproof jacket in case of rainy weather, and a sun hat or cap on warmer days. Whatever the weather, you should also bring along a water bottle to keep with you as you work.

Gardening gloves will be provided on-site.

NB: Due to the nature of the tasks you'll be helping with, open-toed shoes, sandals and crocs are not permitted.

What if it starts to rain?

The Fulham Palace team will be keeping an eye on the weather forecast and will plan accordingly before the session. If the weather should take a sudden turn for the worse, there's no need to worry. We can continue to work through light rain, take shelter in heavier showers, or move indoors should the conditions fail to improve. Come rain or shine, there are plenty of jobs to do inside the glasshouse, so we'll be able to adapt on the day.

Is there a fee?

Yes, there is a fee for this team building session. We are a small, independent charity and receive no government funding. By choosing to volunteer with us, you are not only making a personal impact on the garden but also directly contributing to keeping the Palace open to the public all-year-round, allowing us to continue to share the storied history of the site with generations to come. To receive further details, submit your form below and we can get in touch with a bespoke quote.



Thank you for your interest in corporate volunteering at the Fulham Palace garden!

To arrange your corporate volunteering day simply submit your details and session preferences via our [online form](#). If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our friendly volunteering team.

We look forward to speaking with you soon!

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