

Volunteer role description

Floristry volunteer

What is a floristry volunteer?

Floristry volunteers will support the market barrow producing bouquets of cut flowers for sale to the public. The role includes harvesting, preparing and displaying fresh flower bouquets as well as dried flower arrangements and Christmas wreaths and decorations.

Training will be provided however we are looking for people with previous floristry experience either professional, voluntary or in your own home.



What's in it for you?	• help produce and sell quality cut flower arrangements to the local community on the Fulham Palace market barrow • have an understanding of cut flower production and keep within Fulham Palace's organic and sustainable ethos • support and help optimise this important part of Fulham Palace Trust's garden income that is growing from strength to strength • engage and interact with our local visitors and fellow volunteers • meet like-minded individuals and become part of a fun and social team • be involved with a positive and engaging volunteer culture including social events, outings, forums and our volunteer portal - where volunteers are able to contribute blogs 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 six months
What's involved?	• Harvesting fresh flowers and foliage from the Fulham Palace walled garden • Preparing and arranging cut flowers into bouquets throughout the year • Harvesting and preparing flowers for drying • Creating dried flower arrangements • Creating Christmas wreaths and other festive arrangements • attending training sessions that will cover how to harvest flowers at the right time in the right way • helping out with floristry on the barrow at Fulham Palace special events such as our apple day, green meet or Christmas fair

This role will suit people who...	• have some floristry experience and confidence • are friendly and enjoy the interaction with our visitors • are flexible – willing to give support where necessary and be able to change plans at short notice to adapt to changing priorities/seasons • are approachable – have positive attitude where staff and management feel at ease to approach and discuss in a constructive manner • have the ability to listen and follow instructions, checking with garden team • once trained, be able to work unsupervised and to carry on with the task in hand on your own or within a volunteer only group. • have the 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
Availability	• to work on a weekly basis, coming in on the same day each session; • confirm your attendance on an online rota on the Fulham Palace volunteer portal at least 48 hours before the session. • to commit to a minimum of 6 months. Current opportunities: Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays 10.15 - 15.30 (full day) with an hour lunch break or: 10.15 – 1pm (half day)
Main contact	Viryamala Hunt, senior gardener Lucy Hart, head gardener
Training/Resources	• regular specialist training provided to help you carry out and develop in your role • 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 two months. At the end of this a staff member will catch up with you. This is an opportunity for both parties to reflect and make any reasonable adjustments to the role that are needed • access to our volunteers' website, the "volunteer portal", which includes blogs, downloadable resources, rota and an events page
Getting to the Palace	• 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 £12 per session
What next?	Please get in touch by completing an enquiry form, available at: https://www.fulhampalace.org/get-involved/volunteer-at-fulham-palace/

	If you have any questions you can contact our volunteer enquiry assistants by emailing volunteer@fulhampalace.org or calling 020 7751 2433 Potential volunteers will be invited to a taster day which will include an informal interview to discuss the role further in person. Deadline for applications Sunday 25th October 2026
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.	