



Manor Park Oasis Activities Volunteer - Role Description

Do you want to help us reach more people to engage with our new outdoor community space? Do you enjoy being outdoors and meeting new people? Do you have any particular interests or skills you would like to share with people?

This role might be for you!

Role Title	Manor Park Oasis Activities Volunteer
Minimum Time Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum 2 months commitment - Must commit to minimum 2 hours a week to run an activity, day and time can be discussed
Location	Manor Park Oasis, 409 High Street North, E12 6TL
About Us	<p>The Renewal Programme is a well-established and respected local charity based in the London Borough of Newham. We support those who are facing multiple challenges - they might be a migrant or refugee without access to public funds, suffering with homelessness, experiencing poverty, or unable to communicate in English. We empower people to reach their full potential through offering advocacy, education, temporary accommodation and a wide range of positive activities. We support over 3000 people a year and have been working with Newham communities for over 50 years.</p> <p><u>Our vision</u> Vibrant and integrated Newham communities where everyone has access to suitable jobs, homes, health and education.</p> <p><u>Our mission</u> To stand alongside those who struggle by inspiring hope and offering opportunities for connection, growth and progress.</p> <p><u>Our values</u> DIGNITY - Treating everyone with kindness and respect. INCLUSION - A community where everyone belongs. COLLABORATION - Working together to achieve more. EMPOWERMENT - Co-creating opportunities for positive change.</p>

About the Role

The Manor Park Oasis is a meanwhile use community space located on a previously vacant site on High Street North managed by the Renewal Programme. We are running a range of activities in the space such as community gardening, creative workshops and art classes, games, chess or table tennis and we are looking for volunteers to support us activating the site through running activities and engaging local residents of all ages.

You will volunteer as part of a small team, supported by our project lead, to support us running activities or lead your own activities in the space. We are in particular looking for people interested in running arts & crafts sessions, our chess club, and weekly games drop-ins. However, we strongly encourage each volunteer to bring their own ideas, personality and skills to the table. We are open to new ideas for activities you would like to run, so get in touch if you have a particular skill you would like to share with people or a session you would like to facilitate!

Volunteer tasks include:

- Setting up and packing away activities
- Running activities with people
- Engage with local communities, encouraging them to join activities and get involved
- Volunteering for one-off events and celebrations taking place in the space
- Providing visitors with information about the space and our activities
- Supporting the team with keeping the space clean, tidy, and safe

Skills & Experience

Personal qualities most suited to the role:

- A strong interest in working with people
- Confidence and excellent spoken communication skills
- Ability to engage new people in activities
- Community languages
- Excellent organizational skills
- Able to operate independently as part of a volunteer team
- Be an excellent listener, empathetic, enthusiastic, patient and approachable.
- Experience of interacting with people from different backgrounds, including vulnerable people, speakers of other languages and professionals.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reliability and good timekeeping ● Flexible approach - this is a pilot project so needs could evolve depending on how the project develops ● To be able to recognize and work within personal and organisational boundaries.
Positive Impact	<p>We want to reach more people in our local community and make Manor Park Oasis a vibrant and well used space for local people. The space and the activities in it facilitate improved physical and mental wellbeing, increase positive social engagement, and reduce isolation. It also offers a space of rest, as we are creating an accessible green space with plenty of seating options for people to take time away from the busy high street. This volunteer role will be at the heart of our efforts to engage people in our community and make the space into a creative and social focal point in Manor Park.</p> <p>This is a new volunteer role so there is great scope for using your initiative and creativity in activating the space to make a positive impact for local people.</p>
Benefits, Training and Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Possibility of accessing accredited training for a limited number of committed volunteers. ● The opportunity to develop new skills and gain work experience to add to your CV. ● To be a part of a team who are making a positive change within the local community. ● Free online courses, resources and support for you. ● Support and guidance from the project leads. ● Support and guidance from the Volunteer Project Manager. ● We will pay any agreed out of pocket expenses. ● Free DBS certification.
Essential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must be 18+
Pathways to become a volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete the application form ● Meeting with Volunteer Project Manager ● References ● DBS Check ● Induction
Report to:	Project Lead / Volunteer Project Manager