

# Volunteer role description

This is an outline of what your role will involve – you will have the opportunity to discuss this in more detail at your recruitment meeting.

Role Title	
Gardener Volunteer	
Location	How often
Marie Curie Hospice	Once a week
How long	Minimum age
Minimum of 6 months	16 years
Disclosure checks	Is driving essential for the role?
None	No

## Why we need your help

Marie Curie is dedicated to providing a welcoming environment for our patients and their families. We are looking for a volunteer to help us ensure the hospice gardens and grounds are kept tidy and look beautiful with attractive flowers, tree and shrubs.

### What we need you to do

Your role will include some of, but is not restricted to, the following tasks:

- Potting up and planting, depending on the season
- Sweeping, watering, weeding, pruning and remove dead heads
- Lifting and clearing garden rubbish
- Cutting grass
- Help with other related tasks when necessary

### What skills or experience do you need?

- Interest in and knowledge of gardening
- Able to lift and carry garden rubbish, equipment and furniture
- Reliability and commitment
- Willing to carry out tasks despite varying weather conditions
- An understanding of the importance of confidentiality
- Empathy with an understanding of the needs of those affected by end-of-life care issues

### What we can offer you:

- An excellent opportunity to build on your skills in a charity environment
- An induction, training, support and supervision in your role
- Agreed reasonable out-of-pocket expenses

### What we ask of you:

- To provide two references from non-family members and other relevant documents related to the role
- To keep to all the charity's policies and guidelines
- To complete an induction and any training related to the role

**Marie Curie is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of patients and their families and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Marie Curie will treat all volunteers fairly and with respect. We will not discriminate on the basis of disability, ethnicity, marital status, pregnancy or maternity, sex (i.e. gender), sexual orientation, religion or faith, or gender reassignment. We will not discriminate on the basis of age, unless the responsibilities of a role require us to do so in order to safeguard our volunteers and/or service users.**

For more information or if you have any questions regarding this volunteer role, please contact the Volunteer Operations Centre on [volunteering@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@mariecurie.org.uk) or on **0800 304 7032**.

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