



## Play & Youth Work Volunteer

**Volunteering with:** Children and young people in Nature Rangers, Adventure Rangers, Nightshades Rangers, families in Early Explorers and Art & Music Garden

### Responsibilities

Support staff to prepare resources for and set up and pack down sessions

Support participants to engage in activities during sessions

If confident, to lead short activities or games

Safeguarding/health and safety

Support with providing refreshments

Encouraging young people to participate with and interact with others

Supporting those with additional needs to participate and integrate



### Skills and experience needed

Commitment to facilitating youth voice and child-led play

Interest in natural world and helping young people to engage with it

Willing to help adapt and support to meet young people's individual needs

Flexibility - activities may need to change in response to needs, behaviour or weather

Reliability - for both staff and the participants, this is important for continuity and trust.

Prepared to work outdoors in most weather

Ability to observe professional boundaries and confidentiality in relation to working with children and young people.

We especially welcome those with a skill or area of interest they would like to share, for example arts, music, dance, physical education, forest school style activities, games & team building, ecology and nature identification. But this is not essential.

### Skills development offered

- In-house training when available
- Child Protection online training

### Support available

- Reasonable vehicle mileage or public transport costs will be reimbursed
- Personal protective equipment will be supplied when needed
- A full induction to the site and role

### Time commitment

Ideally one session (or more) of 3 hours a week or fortnight (hours can be discussed with flexibility to fit needs, eg childcare, work, travel) for a minimum of 6 months:

Nature Rangers, age 6-9: Saturdays 9.30-12.30

Adventure Rangers, age 10-13: Wednesdays 4.30-7.30

Nightshades Rangers, age 13-18 (includes Duke of Edinburgh's Awards): Tuesdays 4.00-7.00

Early Explorers, preschool children and their families: Mondays 12.00-3.00



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Art & Music Garden, especially inclusive of children of all ages with disabilities and their families: Saturdays 1.00-4.30

Continuity is important for our participants and staff.  
There may be some training to complete outside of this time.

### **Any other relevant information**

You will be required to provide two referees and undergo a DBS check, Scotswood Garden will support with this and cover all costs.

We're always looking for help with our community events and we may ask if you would be willing to get involved. There's no obligation to do so, but this may be an additional activity for you to join in with.

Scotswood Garden operates comprehensive Safeguarding and Health and Safety policies that all volunteers are required to adhere to.