






# Gardening Volunteer

## Volunteer Role Profile



-  Rainbows Hospice, Loughborough, LE11 2HS
-  Monday or Wednesday
-  9am-1pm
-  Must be over 18 years old  
Standard DBS (which Rainbows will process)
-  Gardening Team

### What will I need to do?

Our garden volunteers play a vital role in transforming our hospice grounds into a vibrant and welcoming haven where our families and children can play and make special memories. Dive into a range of exciting tasks spread across our award-winning gardens, making sure that everyone can enjoy a safe and welcoming outdoor area. Celebrate your accomplishments with a well-earned tea break with new friends. Join us and let your green thumb make a real impact!

### Typical tasks the role could involve:

- **Green-Fingered Guru:** As the seasons change, take advantage of your skills to cultivate new plants, trim and prune small shrubs, and observe your hard work.
- **Master of Tools:** Command an array of equipment—from shearers to spades and rakes—like a seasoned pro, transforming the landscape with each stroke.
- **Battle of the Weeds:** Battle unruly weeds, reclaiming the garden from their invasive grip and restoring order to the grounds.
- **Nourish and Flourish:** Care for our botanical treasures, watering and tending to their health to ensure they thrive in their lush surroundings.
- **Transformative Touch:** Sweep away debris and unveil the hidden beauty of our gardens, leaving behind an enchanting landscape that beckons all who pass.
- **Team Triumphs:** Collaborate with others in creating new layouts for new plant additions or preparing for an event. Teamwork makes the dream work!

### Will it suit me?

If you have a knack for hands-on tasks, a passion for the great outdoors, and a keen eye for garden upkeep and landscaping, then joining our gardening team is your perfect match! Embrace the opportunity to work as part of a dedicated team, turning our outdoor spaces into beautiful, thriving environments. Let your skills and enthusiasm make a difference!

## How will my application be assessed?

**Informal Interview:** Following the return of a completed application form, you will be invited to speak with the Volunteering Team. This will enable both you and Rainbows to find out more about each other and discuss the role in more detail. There will also be the opportunity to do a trial shift to experience some of the activities to decide if it is something you want to get involved in.

**References & DBS Check:** As Rainbows is committed to ensuring the safeguarding and wellbeing of the people we work with, you will also be asked to provide two satisfactory character references to support your application. As the role is based at the hospice, Rainbows will process a Standard DBS check.

## What benefits and support will I receive?

- An induction and training, including a e-learning training package, to assist you in your role and comply with policies and procedures.
- Staff will be available at all times to provide support, advice and guidance.
- Meet new people and make new friends.
- Feel a sense of accomplishment through supporting the work of Rainbows in being there for babies, children, young people and their families across the East Midlands.

## About Rainbows

Rainbows is the only hospice in the East Midlands dedicated to providing specialist health care and family support services for babies, children and young people with serious and terminal conditions.

Our volunteers are invaluable. They help us to deliver a vast range of services across the organisation, through helping either at the Hospice, externally at a range of events in the community or at one of our shops. The truth is we can't do our work without the help of our volunteers – together we bring more love, smiles and laughter to our children and families.

## Our commitment to diversity and inclusion

At Rainbows, we are committed to building a community where everyone feels seen and valued. We are dedicated to creating an inclusive environment that embraces diverse backgrounds and perspectives. We want every person, no matter their background, to feel empowered to share their stories and ideas. By fostering respect and equity, we aim to drive innovation and make a positive impact for everyone involved. Let's collaborate, celebrate our differences, and make a lasting impact!

## Our values

At Rainbows, our values are evident in everything we say and do; they are what makes Rainbows so special. All volunteers should be aware of our values and strive to always uphold these values and behaviours.



**Note:** This role profile is not a job description and is not intended as a legally binding contract of employment with Rainbows. It is a role profile for a volunteering role, detailing the tasks we may ask of a volunteer, the skills and commitment we are looking for, and what a volunteer can expect in return for their generous offer of time.

**We care for babies, children and young people in the East Midlands – wherever they are.**

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