



Emmaus Village Carlton - Gardener

About the opportunity

We are actively looking for volunteers with green fingers, who are willing to work in the garden and contribute to the maintenance and development of Emmaus Village Carlton's (EVC) garden and food production project.

About Emmaus Village Carlton

EVC is a forward-thinking charity based in north Bedfordshire offering support to formerly homeless people. We offer Companions (our Residents) a home, as well as meaningful work in one of our social enterprises. EVC is linked to an international charity but operates independently.

We're located on the outskirts of the village of Carlton - 10 miles from Bedford and on the border of Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire, less than 20 miles from Milton Keynes.

The Community (site) consists of a Bistro, and a range of shops that gives visitors the chance to browse, shop, eat drink and relax – all in the peaceful surroundings of the lovely Bedfordshire countryside.

To Emmaus, Volunteers are an essential resource and make a vital contribution to Emmaus' commitment to help disadvantaged people. At Emmaus, loyalty to our Companions, Volunteers and ensuring loyalty from our customers will never not be a priority!

More information

Ideal skills: **Enthusiasm!** Ability to work with vulnerable adults; some experience and knowledge of gardening and/or growing food gained on an allotment or through growing at home; knowledge of health and safety procedures; reasonably fit with the ability to work outdoors independently; highly motivated with a positive and flexible approach.

Role includes: Seed sowing, propagation, planting out; weeding, deadheading and general care and tidying of our garden area; pruning and care of shrubs and trees; composting; maintaining good H&S practices; willing to work alongside others and pass on your skills and knowledge to them.

Where: Emmaus Village Carlton, School Lane, Carlton, MK43 7LQ

When: Wednesday to Sunday, a full day or a half day shift per week

Shifts: Normal shifts are 9.30-1.30 and 1.30-4.30. A full day shift is 9.30-4.30. Flexibility can be discussed at interview.

What are we looking for?

Ideally, we need people who can commit at least half a day per week.

All relevant training will be provided along with a full induction and paid travel expenses. If you are volunteering for a full day, you can get a voucher for 50% off a meal at the Bistro or can have lunch in the Companions' dining area for £2.

A basic DBS check will be required.

Contact information

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