

Volunteering Opportunity – Growing for Colour – Leeds Industrial Museum at Armley Mills

What is the Project?

- This group is part of a wider ‘Outdoors Active and Well’ project: www.outdoorsactivewell.org
- We are looking for people to join our friendly group, to assist in developing and maintaining our community garden by helping us to grow flowers, dye plants, herbs and shrubs, ensuring the garden is a suitable and welcoming space for visitors.

What’s in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly team.
- Meeting people from all walks of life with similar interests and making new friends.
- Being outdoors: getting fresh air and physical exercise.
- Learning gardening and other practical skills.
- Building your confidence.

What’s involved?

- The garden is run in partnership with a local environmental organisation called Hyde Park Source through the Outdoors Active and Well project. They bring their gardening knowledge and skills to the sessions.
- Sessions are weekly, but on a casual, drop-in basis. Volunteers are welcome to participate as regularly as they wish to.
- The garden is maintained all year round, with seasonal activities including planting, weeding, harvesting, seed saving, sowing, and other relevant duties. As with all gardens, some times of year are busier than others.
- There may be opportunities to assist in clearing other areas of the museum grounds, if volunteers are interested in this.

- If the weather is not good, there will be some indoor activities to take part in and these might include: using the printing collection at LIM as inspiration for making signs for the garden; learning new non-gardening skills e.g. finger knitting; tour of the museum; potentially research plants for the garden; making/repairing small planters and sundries for the garden.

The role will suit people who..... are enthusiastic, reliable and trustworthy. Ideally you will enjoy meeting people and being part of a team. You will be keen to learn new skills and share any relevant skills with other members of the group. The role will **necessitate being outside** and you should be able to volunteer with and without supervision when required. **All volunteers should be willing to abide by the Council's code of conduct but no** qualifications or experience is required.

We welcome applications from all sections of the community.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Location:	Leeds Industrial Museum at Armley Mills, Canal Road, Armley, LS12 2QF
Time commitment:	2pm-4pm
Day:	Thursday
Duration:	Ongoing
Further info:	For further information contact Chris Sharp on christopher.sharp@leeds.gov.uk
Closing date:	Ongoing

If you are interested, please download and complete the application form on our website <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/volunteer> and send it by email to: volunteer@leeds.gov.uk or contact Sarah Neville, Volunteer Coordinator, on 0113 37 87786 to request an application form.



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