



Horticultural Therapist – Oxfordshire Schools

Life at No.27 are a not-for-profit gardening and wellbeing therapy organisation, with newly appointed CIC status. Life at No.27 are on a mission to help improve people's lives with a truly unique approach and nurture at its heart.

We deliver sessions for children and adults at our bespoke allotments and garden in Towcester, Northamptonshire. As well as provide a range of outdoor education programmes to schools across Oxfordshire; which include Curriculum Enrichment and Early Intervention.

We're looking for an experienced Horticultural Therapist or Outdoor Education Leader who loves gardening to work with the children we support across Oxfordshire. This particular role would cover areas including Wantage and Chalgrove.

Main responsibilities

Plan and resource activities:

- Devise, plan and prepare activity content to meet programme needs.
- Report tracking and monitoring information at the end of each session.
- Follow risk assessments and health and safety planning.
- Ensuring all activities are carried out within Standard Operating Guidelines.
- Help develop a teaching space over time at the schools worked with.

Deliver activities:

- Deliver safe and effective activities in accordance with programme aims and objectives seeking to exceed client expectations.
- Provide briefings to programme participants, explaining and demonstrating activity content as appropriate.
- Ensure excellent customer service at all times with school staff.

Person specification

Skills and experience

Essential:

- Experience of planning and resourcing outdoor activities.
- Basic horticultural skills and confidence with growing fruit and vegetables.



- Experience working with challenging behaviours and children identified having SEND, SEMH, SEBD.
- Experience working to help children and adults identify emotions and manage their feelings safely.
- Experienced in and able to work effectively with clients and as part of a team.
- Ability to motivate and encourage people, utilising strong communication and people skills.
- Ability to remain calm in difficult situations and identify solutions to problems.
- Ability to set appropriate professional standards for self and others.
- Driving licence and own transport.
- Horticultural Therapy Qualification or equivalent.
- Relevant First Aid Certificate.
- Basic safeguarding qualification.
- Full Enhanced DBS Certificate.
- Mental Health First Aid Certificate.

Desirable:

- Any of the following – RHS Level 2 Horticulture, Occupational Therapist Qualifications, CPCAB Level 3 Counselling Certificate, CPCAB Level 4 Counselling Diploma, Teacher Qualification, Psychology Degree, Level 4 CBT Training.
- Substantial relevant training and/or work experience.
- Experience liaising with GP's and social prescribers.
- Skills and ability to run sessions with a variety of crafts, nature art, clay, plants and natural materials.
- Some of your own outdoor group kit.
- Food Hygiene qualification (level 2).

Personal qualities:

- Pro-active.
- Resourceful.
- Independent.
- Team player.
- Flexible, and willing to work in the fast-paced and constantly changing environment of a growing service-providing social enterprise.
- Conscientious and responsible.
- Supportive, able to enthuse others and maintain a professional image



Salary: Half day (2 hours teaching) £60-70 / full day (4-5 hours teaching), £110-£150 (rate dependent on experience, personal kit and which programmes allocated to).

Contract: Part Time Freelance Contract initially, programme expenses covered.

Hours: Half days (sessions timings within approx. 0900 – 1300 / 1200 – 1600 windows) or full days (approx. 0900 – 1600). Sessions usually run 1000 – 1200 or 1300 – 1500. We can be flexible around childcare needs.

Reports to: Founder and Director

Location: Life at No.27 allotments and garden, Towcester, and/or a variety of schools in and around West Northamptonshire and further counties.

Application Process

Please send your CV and a covering letter explaining how you meet the person specification, to annabelle@lifeatno27.com by 5pm on **Friday 22nd July 2022**.