



SCHOOLS VOLUNTEER – ROLE DESCRIPTION

Date: January 24

Job Title:	More Trees School Volunteer
Purpose:	To support More Trees staff (and workers) in the delivery of its Schools Programme at our school nurseries
Responsible to:	Sandra Tuck
Hours/time:	Flexible. The schools programme involves a commitment of on average one session a week (2-3 hours per session, usually am or pm) (for one volunteer, less for two)
Locations:	Various. Sessions will take place at the following schools: Fosse Way School, Oldfield Park Junior School, Roundhill Primary School, St Mark's, St Michael's School, WASPS school.

Background

More trees now have 6 schools with mini-tree nurseries within Bath and nearby Radstock. The school nurseries typically involve one or two raised beds suitably designed for children and young people including those with additional needs. Launched in 2022, the school nurseries successfully grew over 300 trees which were planted out locally at Whiteway Green and other local sites in February 2023.

Our schools programme includes planting and nurturing the saplings as well as additional activities such as seed collecting and processing to maximise the learning, fun and education benefits from growing trees in their school grounds.

Key Tasks

- Assist with the preparation and set up of each session
- Help the children in undertaking various activities during the sessions such as seed collecting & processing and planting, weeding and lifting the (tree) whips
- Engage with and encourage the children to maximise their learning and benefits from the sessions
- Help provide a caring, stimulating, and fun environment for the children
- Assist with tidying up after each activity and session



Requirements

- Enhanced DBS check (More Trees will arrange this for you)
- Third Party Checks on behalf of schools (e.g. proof of identity etc.)
- Working in line with MTB Safeguarding Policy
- Working in line within MTB Equality Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Familiarisation with School Nursery session risk assessment and requirements therein
- Previous experience working with children is an advantage, but not essential
- Enthusiasm and a willingness to engage with children and young people
- Able to take initiative and work well as part of a team
- Interest in environmental work
- Enjoy spending time outdoors, whatever the weather!
- Reliable and trustworthy

Expectations

- To diarise and commit to agreed sessions
- To provide as much notice as possible if circumstances change and you are no longer able to join a session

Travel

Volunteers will ideally be able to travel to the various sites on their own accord however More Trees may be able to arrange a lift to those nurseries further afield.

Travel costs will be reimbursed.

Support

Your More Trees contact is Sandra Tuck, CTN Development Manager.

On site, your immediate contact will be our Schools Programme Leads; Jon Parsonage or Jeni Reid.