

Edibles Grower

What does the role involve?

The **Edible Classroom** is Earth Trust's newest outdoor learning resource! Within this 1.5-acre plot, close to the Earth Trust centre, we have built **80 no-dig market garden beds**, and a 'camp' with three beautiful weatherproof bell tents. We've also created outdoor cooking areas to turn super fresh produce into delicious food, and a large, shaded area for eating it whilst socialising and developing friendships.

A huge amount of activity will take place here. This will be centred around our **Earth Skills** learning programme for young people, and new volunteering opportunities for young people and adults. Secondary school aged students will attend weekly with their school or supporting charity to learn valuable **skills for life and employment**.

We are recruiting volunteers to support this work. If you are interested in small scale commercial production of fruit, vegetables and herbs, this is for you. There is also the opportunity to engage with children and young people in the space as part of our education programme, but that is very much an optional extra!

Time required: Wednesdays and/or Thursdays each week. Flexible according to your schedule once you have received full training.

Tasks: Sowing seed, propagation, weeding, harvesting, sorting produce for sale
(no previous experience required)

Location: Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ

What skills and experience do you need?

A passion for great fresh food. No other experience required. Full training on market garden production methods will be provided.

What support you will receive?

All volunteers receive our Volunteer Handbook & Safety Guide and are invited to Insight sessions, exclusive events for our volunteers as well as learning and development events across the year.

You will be supported by Earth Trust's education team and have a dedicated staff member to support you and offer role specific training. Your induction will include an overview of the market garden production systems within the Edible Classroom and to our education programme (should you want to be involved). You will receive training on all tools and techniques in the first weeks of starting.

Our community

Being part of our community means connecting with like-minded people, learning new skills while sharing your own, spending time outdoors, and deepening your appreciation for the natural world.

Our fantastic team of staff and volunteers is passionate about the environment and dedicated to supporting Earth Trust — and their enthusiasm is truly infectious!

As a volunteer, you'll receive a weekly bulletin to keep you informed about new opportunities, news, and events. We also take time to celebrate your contributions, with an annual volunteer social and smaller get-togethers throughout the year.

Get in touch

For further information, or if you'd like to arrange an informal chat about the role, please contact our Volunteering and Culture Manager, Nicola Frost

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