Art Gardener Volunteer

Reports to: Cultural Park Keeper / Volunteer Programme Manager

Role purpose
- Helping out with the planned development and general upkeep of the Art Garden and Whitworth Park by supporting with:
  - Tidying up, deadheading, weeding and caring for borders, looking after trees, shrubs, plants and propagating seeds
  - Assisting in the preservation of the gardens
  - Maintaining the sculptures and check for damage/corrosion
  - Being a friendly face for visitors to the gardens and park and answering any questions they may have
  - Aiding promotion of the biodiversity within the park
  - Giving any other appropriate assistance as may be reasonably requested

Opportunities:
- Developing gardening, artwork and sculpture experience
- Training opportunities; workshops with Sarah Price Landscapes and experts in gardening and sculpture conservation. Units of Level 1 Horticulture available with Manchester College.
- Becoming part of the Whitworth family; seeing the gallery from the inside, receiving invitations to private views and special events
- Getting your hands dirty and enjoying the great outdoors!

What we would love you to bring to the role:
- An interest in horticulture and/or an interest in the arts
- This role can be physically demanding so you need to be reasonably fit and willing to work out of doors in all our lovely Manchester weather!
- To build a dedicated and close-knit team we would like volunteers to be able to commit at least one half-day or one full day a week (*We can be flexible and if you cannot commit to this, we will need more ad-hoc help across the park with our Friends of Whitworth Park members)
- 6 months minimum involvement

Please email fiona.carissi@manchester.ac.uk for any further questions and to request an application form