

# Growing Support Volunteer

The Active Wellbeing Society's gardening program is a new initiative that is looking to harness community space at one of our community cafes in Small Heath (All Saints B10 0PR).

We are aiming to create a safe community space where people can choose to help with growing activities or simply take a breath and relax. They will be able to eat hot food freshly made from the café once Covid restrictions relax.

TAWS have community cafes across the city where we serve hot food made from surplus food. All are welcome and the food is free, although donations of money or time are welcome.

**Volunteering with the garden program**, you will be working with the Growing Lead, helping to turn the space into the community space we envisage. This will involve supporting with landscaping, planting, composting and general horticultural work. Once we are up and running, you'll be helping run mini-workshops (such as seed planting) and growing sessions for members of the community. We'd love for you to bring ideas and your own expertise to these.

## **As a Growing Support Volunteer, you can expect:**

- A fun and welcoming team, and we have lunch together on site every session
- Full training and induction to volunteering on the project and each task
- To be kept in the loop about plans for the project and good news stories
- Access to our wellbeing services as a member of the team
- Expenses, including mileage covered in line with our volunteer policy
- To always have a point of contact should you have any questions
- The opportunity to build skills and confidence through an individual development plan

## **We are looking for volunteers who:**

- Have experience in growing and gardening
- Are passionate about bringing people together
- Feel comfortable working with vulnerable members of the community
- Are familiar with independent working, or are happy to move towards this with experience
- Can stay in contact with us and meet the requested availability
- Want to spend time around other people and socialise while volunteering

The garden is open on Tuesdays 10.30am  
- 1pm and we ask that you can be  
available for two shifts a month or more.

[Click here to be directed to our application form,](#)  
or visit: <http://bttr.im/3si5t>