

## Job Vacancy – Garden Manager at Root and Branch



**Are you an experienced gardener wanting to use your love of nature to make a difference?**

**We are offering an exciting opportunity to join a thriving small charity helping adults with mental health difficulties on their path to recovery. We are looking for a highly motivated, compassionate individual to manage our beautiful garden and lead our therapeutic horticulture activities.**

### **Aims of the role**

This role is for 23 hours per week. The hours of work are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8.45 a.m. – 3 p.m. with additional flexible time for out of hours plant care and staff meetings.

The garden manager oversees all aspects of therapeutic gardening activity, manages volunteers, is responsible for maintaining and developing the garden, growing plants to raise funds and producing vegetables and fruit to be used in cooking activities. The role includes pastoral duties, health and safety, budgeting, managing risk and safeguarding.

### **About Root and Branch**

Root & Branch is a small, independent charity, based on an organic farm situated on the Oxfordshire/Wiltshire border in the beautiful Vale of the White Horse. Root and Branch helps adults in their recovery towards mental and emotional well-being using therapeutic gardening and rural crafts, encouraging physical activity and promoting good nutrition through healthy eating. We support and encourage adults coping with severe enduring mental health difficulties, contributing to them regaining and sustaining their confidence and self-esteem, providing them with new skills and training and encouraging them to take part in a variety of learning activities specific to their needs.

### **Requirements**

You will be qualified at RHS level 3 or equivalent with a professional background in horticulture and very sound working knowledge of plants and propagation.

Our ideal candidate will have previous experience in one or more of these areas: mental health; working with vulnerable people; management of volunteers and/or service users; working in the charity sector and/or fundraising.

We seek a compassionate, highly motivated, well organised multi-tasker who can:

- lead a team of volunteers
- work well under pressure
- be a strong team player
- deliver positive outcomes for our beneficiaries

### **Benefits**

- Full Time Equivalent Salary £23,000 - £25,480 (pro rata £15,114 - £16,744) depending on experience
- Pension
- Annual leave & Bank Holiday entitlement (pro rata)

### **How to apply**

For a job description, person specification and an application form or to arrange an informal visit, please e-mail [rootandbranch@btconnect.com](mailto:rootandbranch@btconnect.com).

For more information about Root and Branch please visit our website [www.rootandbranch.info](http://www.rootandbranch.info)

We are committed to equal opportunities. Applications must be provided on the application form. CV's will not be accepted.

**Application deadline: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 12 noon.**