

ALONE



Volunteer Gardener

Role Description

Organisation:	ALONE
Role Title:	Volunteer Gardener
Hours:	Flexible
Length of Time:	6 – 12 Months
Purpose of Role:	<i>To carry out gardening for older people & residents linked to ALONE</i>
Location:	Outreach/Varied Base: ALONE Offices, Olympic House, Pleasants St, Dublin 8.

Tasks:

- To carry out small gardening duties for both ALONE residents and older persons in the community linked to ALONE in situations where the older person is unable to do these tasks themselves, has no one to do it for them, or they do not have the finances available to ensure necessary work is completed
- Tasks would include: mowing lawns, tidying leaves in back yards, weeding, planting flowers, tidying graves of an older person's relative, etc.
- To help out with larger gardening tasks/projects on ALONE properties and to work with teams of volunteers doing once off gardening projects (as they arise)
- To give ALONE advice on certain gardening tasks – where more professional services may be needed
- To help with maintenance on the ALONE 'Millennium Plot' in Glasnevin Cemetery (occurs 2/3 times annually)
- To feed back to ALONE staff on issues arising for older people you link in with
- To attend ALONE volunteer meetings & training as required

Requirements:

- Experience, knowledge and interest in gardening
- Preferable to have your own gardening tools/equipment
- Over 18 years of age
- Own transport & Full clean drivers license – **You are welcome to the use of the ALONE Van**
- Garda Vetted (carried out by ALONE)
- Interest in issues for older people & the work of ALONE
- **Good interpersonal skills, kind, patient, responsible, reliable.**

Expenses:

ALONE are not in a position to provide an allowance for volunteers. **However, all out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed, such as:**

- Travel expenses / mileage
- Phone credit used in carrying out the role
- Supplies needed in carrying out the gardening role

Task Management: It is anticipated that we will work with the successful candidates/s in operating an active list of gardening projects to be completed in a flexible manner with waiting periods assigned to each request received managed by the Gardener

Supervision & Support: Support & Supervision will be carried out by the Staff Team Member case managing the older person's case or the specific gardening project

Application Process: Application Form & Garda Vetting, Informal Interview, Induction to the work of ALONE, ALONE Volunteer Agreement Signed, Core Volunteer Training undertaken.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION/ENQUIRIES ON THIS POSITION PLEASE CONTACT

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