

Community Advisory Group Volunteer opportunity

The Planting Connections project is seeking two new members to join its Community Advisory Group.

This project aims to engage different communities and share knowledge about people's relationship with plants and biodiversity, our living collection and RBGE's role in this climate emergency. This project is funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund.

As a member of our Community Advisory group, you will advise us on the implementation and delivery of activities like traineeships and skills share, to make them more relevant, meaningful and engaging for our target audience.

What specific tasks does this role requires?

- Attending online advisory group meetings:
- Provide recommendations on best practices for working and communicating with our target audiences.
- Advice about impact, evaluation, and analysis of results.
- Provide feedback on content.
- Reviewing written documentation as appropriate
- Suggest connections with different members of communities within our audiences that might be interested in engaging with our Project.
- Acting as a champion for the Project – spreading the word to their networks.

Who are we looking for:

We are looking for active members of community groups, good listeners, who are confident in sharing their experiences and knowledge with others. We are especially looking for people who, together, can bring experience from these areas of expertise:

- Mental health support or Trauma-Informed practices.
- Upskilling communities
- Collaborative and antiracist approaches.
- Equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility practices and how to use this approach in different activities.
- Community education in the environmental field.

We especially encourage people who have life experience or have worked with our target audiences:

- Young adults (18-25); People living in areas of high socio-economic deprivation; Minority ethnic groups; d/Deaf and disabled groups; People who are unemployed/not in employment, education, or training (NEET).

How much time do you need?

We would like volunteers to commit to up to four online/hybrid sessions of 1.5 hours annually, with time and dates decided every three months according to members' availability.

If attendance isn't possible for some of the online meetings, we would invite input by email or via a separate online or phone conversation.

What will you gain:

As a member of our community advisory group, you will be part of a group with diverse knowledge and experiences that are constantly learning from each other. You will also have the opportunity to:

- Experience working collaboratively to shape the development of community engagement experiences around biodiversity loss and climate change, and the tools used for this.
- Increase understanding of the sector, on how advisory groups are run and networking.
- 10% discount in the shop/restaurant
- Certificate of attendance