

# Living Space Repair Ranger Volunteer

Support our Community Centre with maintenance and repairs

## About Bankside Open Spaces Trust

Bankside Open Spaces Trust is an environmental and volunteering charity. In 2025 we mark 25 years of protecting, preserving, and enhancing parks, gardens and other amenities in London's SE1 and surrounding areas.

We were set up in 2000 with the aim of improving people's health and wellbeing by making where they live and work greener and more beautiful. We manage and maintain open spaces, welcome volunteers from both the community and the corporate sector, run regular gardening groups, support park steering groups, organise and take part in public events and educational projects, and offer advice to others. We collaborate closely with local residents and businesses to champion green spaces.

Thousands of people enjoy our open spaces every day. Each of our sites is unique, with its own atmosphere, identity, and sense of place. Our spaces include Red Cross Garden, Marlborough Sports Garden, Waterloo Millennium Green and Tate Community Garden.

## About Living Space

Living space is a community centre with playground and pitch at the heart of Waterloo, based at 1 Coral St, London SE1 7BE, where we run daily activities after-school and during holidays. We are looking for a dedicated and versatile **volunteers** to join our team at Living Space Community Centre every. This role is crucial in ensuring our centre and its outdoor spaces are safe, clean, and welcoming for all our community members and visitors. This will take place every Wednesday as well as additional days through the month.

## Recruitment

All potential volunteers are asked to complete a Volunteer Application Form and submit this to [volunteer@bost.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@bost.org.uk). The application form asks for details of two references where at least one should be someone who knows you in a professional capacity, e.g. a previous or current employer or volunteer supervisor, a teacher, probation officer or support worker. A reference cannot be someone related to you. If you are having trouble finding a suitable reference, contact us. Referrals from other agencies are also welcome.

Potential volunteers will then be invited for an informal chat with the Volunteer Manager either in person or via phone or Zoom. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about us and the role and for us to find out more about you. We will then work out if the volunteering role is a good fit or whether we can suggest an alternative role or organisation that would be more suited to you.

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- **Adventure Playground Maintenance:**
  - Perform regular jet washing to remove moss from various surfaces.
  - Clear all leaves, foliage, and debris from outdoor areas, including the adventure playground (APG) to ensure safety and reduce slip hazards.
  - Conduct general gardening duties, including trimming bushes, raking, sweeping and watering plants.
  
- **Building Maintenance & Repairs:**
  - Undertake minor internal and external repairs, including carpentry and decorating tasks.
  - Paint walls and other areas as required (indoors and outdoors).
  - Maintain and repair tools and equipment.
  - Perform regular clearing of leaves and debris from the pitch surface. Litter picking as needed.
  - Spread and re-crumbs the pitch with rubber crumbs to maintain optimal playing conditions.
  
- **Cleaning & Organisation:**
  - Support the overall appearance of the community centre by cleaning kitchen areas and centre equipment.
  - Ensure washing liquids, sponges, wipes, and kitchen towels are refilled or replaced.
  - Reorganise and safely store materials, such as wood and rubber crumbs, to improve accessibility and safety.
  - Process and prepare materials for upcycling projects.
  - Participate in various projects taking place throughout the year.

## **About You:**

You are a responsible hands-on individual with a proactive approach to maintaining facilities in rain or shine. You have a keen eye for detail, can work independently or in a team, and are committed to creating a positive and safe environment for our community. Any experience in general maintenance, cleaning, and gardening tasks is desirable, but not essential.

## **Hours:**

We offer two shifts on Wednesdays – From 10am to 1pm or from 2pm to 5pm during term times. We ask for a minimum commitment of 3 months.

## **Clothing:**

Volunteers are expected to wear appropriate clothing and footwear suitable maintenance activities. All necessary tools and equipment will be provided.

**What we provide:**

This is a voluntary role, and no salary will be paid, but in return for your time you will:

- Receive full induction and training
- Access to social event with other volunteers in the organisation as well as trips and workshops
- Regular meetings to provide feedback and contribute ideas, as well as to meet other volunteers
- For long term volunteers references may be provided

We offer reimbursement of travel expenses (if this would be a barrier to volunteer) and refreshments during the volunteering shift.

Other Bankside Open Spaces Trust volunteer opportunities available include:

- Crossbones Warden
- Gardening Volunteer / Pond Volunteer / Compost Volunteer
- Events volunteer
- Ecohouse Volunteer
- Gardening Club Volunteer Project Assistant
- Trustee

For more information on these roles or on anything related to volunteering please contact our Volunteer team – [volunteer@bost.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@bost.org.uk) / 020 7403 3393.