

Volunteer Role Description	Gardener
Commitment	Wednesdays, 10am-12noon
Supervisor	Activities & Interpretation Officer
Organisation Information	Turner's House, Sandycombe Lodge, was built by 1813 to the architectural designs of England's great landscape painter, J.M.W. Turner, who wished to create a quiet retreat for himself, away from the pressures of the London art world. Turner's House is committed to extending access to the house and engaging people with both the heritage of the site and the wider story of Turner and his relationship to the local area, which influenced many of his paintings. The House also offers a high-quality programme of learning and participation activities for people of all ages.
Purpose of role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal maintenance in the garden of Sandycombe Lodge • Annual programme of planting in borders • Make the garden of Sandycombe Lodge accessible for as many people as possible
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Garden Team colleagues to undertaking a variety of horticultural tasks within the garden as required (mostly weeding, planting and pruning) • Maintain good health and safety practice • Develop an understanding of the history of Sandycombe Lodge and its garden • Ad hoc opportunities for delivering garden talks (if this is of interest) • Respond to questions from visitors and answer as appropriate, or direct them to an appropriate source of information
Skills, Attitudes & Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enthusiasm for gardening and the outdoors • Interest in heritage • Willingness to learn • Good communication skills • Friendly and proactive character • Reliable
Support & Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction day • Full training on all aspects on the role • Regular volunteer information events • Regular updates on the wider activities of Turner's House • Advice and guidance from Activities & Interpretation Officer • Opportunities for further mentoring and training
Benefits to volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become part of a friendly and dedicated team • Opportunity to develop new and existing skills • Opportunity to meet new people • A programme of cultural trips and social events • Contribute to the valuable work of making Turner's House available to the public and developing heritage in Twickenham • Gain experience working in the heritage industry
Application Procedure	Application Form Informal Interview
Contact for further information	Rita Pigionica, Activities & Interpretation Officer, learning@turnershouse.org