



## **Incredible Edible Bristol Community Consultation**

**Position:** Community Consultant (Freelance)

**Terms:** £1800 (12 days, flexible working 1 day per week for 12 weeks, March - April 2021)

### **About Incredible Edible Bristol**

Incredible Edible Bristol is a not-for-profit organisation with a vision to create a city where food is grown in our parks, community spaces, street verges, and bus stops and freely available to everyone. We work with volunteers from all walks of life, and communities across the city, to share skills and remove barriers between people and their ability to grow or access food. You'll find our gardens in Castle Park, Millennium Square, and the Bear Pit, as well as other areas such as Avonmouth and Speedwell. Anyone can pick and eat what we grow in public spaces. Everyone is invited to help grow it: *'If you eat, you're in!'*

### **About this Project**

*'The food justice movement is a grassroots initiative emerging from communities in response to food insecurity and economic pressures that prevent access to healthy, nutritious, and culturally appropriate foods.'*

There are barriers to food growing and land access for many of our communities in Bristol. We need to work with people across the city to address these barriers and look at how we can create an equitable food system, from seed to plate.

This project aims to begin this process, starting with our edible garden located in The Bear Pit. We have been given the opportunity to work with a **Community Consultant** to help us understand some of the community and cultural barriers to growing food, and how we address these. The Community Consultant will connect with residents, youth groups and cultural and community organisations in St Pauls and the wider Ashley area to explore

barriers around food growing and how the Bear Pit Edible Garden can become a more accessible food growing space.

The aims of the role are:

- To understand barriers people have in engaging with food growing projects
- To explore with those individuals and communities how these barriers could be removed or overcome
- Gain an understanding of the culturally appropriate food needs of different local communities in the area
- Work with Incredible Edible Bristol to explore how we can support these needs within a local food space
- Where relevant, work with us to invite consulted groups to visit the garden in the Bearpit and support the facilitation of community growing sessions
- Open up a conversation about the systemic reasons why so many communities find food growing and gardening inaccessible.

### **Person Specification**

For this role we are looking for someone with:

- Previous experience of community engagement work
- A desire to work on projects focussed on system change
- An understanding of the diverse demographics of communities in the St Pauls and wider Ashely area in Bristol
- A sensitivity to the challenges around access some communities face
- Strong knowledge of Bristol and ideally some of Bristol's youth, cultural and creative organisations
- An interest in food justice and grass roots action.

We particularly encourage applications from individuals who identify as working class and/or BPOC (black and people of colour), or who do not currently see themselves represented in the food and environment movement and would like to be part of the process of changing that.

We are aware that the food movement can feel like a predominantly white and middleclass space. This is something that this project aims to address.

**To apply, please send a CV with a cover letter** detailing any relevant professional and personal experience and explaining why you would like to take on this role to [sara@ediblebristol.org.uk](mailto:sara@ediblebristol.org.uk).

Deadline for applications is **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February**.

We are aiming to interview during the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> February and for the project to begin on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.