

Imaginative and creative green figured gardener who loves to paint pictures with plants.

**The Light House Prayer Barge Gardener- Volunteer role description.
Upper Reaches, CIO registered number 1157094**

The beautiful Light House Prayer barge provides a Christian space for retreat, reflection and connection for those working in the heart of Bristol's leading business district, Temple Quay. It is owned by a registered charity, Upper Reaches. It was built for us in 2016/17, cost £108,000 and was delivered by low loader lorry on 30 March 2017. It was towed into its current mooring on the same day. It is moored in Temple Quay in front of Friska by the Valentine pedestrian bridge. It is next to a small 'garden area' with a rose bed, green wall and tree with benches.

We are looking for someone (or it could be more than one person) who'd really enjoy taking responsibility for bringing beautiful flowers and plants to the outside of the barge. We hope that with time we might get permission to add colour and life to the garden space as well. We want the people of TQ to enjoy and be blessed by the colour texture and aroma of fresh plant life and enjoy the beautiful vistas that plants create.

Temple Quay has relatively little plant life, there are a few trees but no bushes or flowers. We know from recent research that the people of TQ long to enjoy more outdoor space. We can't provide that but we can help make the environment more enjoyable by adding colour and texture to enhance the barge and hopefully the small garden nearby.

If you love to plant with a variety of year round colour and texture and have time to tend and change the planting regularly this could be the role for you.

We would agree a budget with you and would love to include other volunteers who might also want to help out or draw in donations of plants and materials.

We'd love it if you shared our desire to follow Jesus, but that isn't an absolute requirement. We are a young charity so the role is currently unpaid but that could change as we grow. We aren't sure of the amount of time it will take, we need to work with you on that. Once established it might take a few hours per week.

Practical tasks

- **Sourcing, designing and arranging attractive and varied planting to adorn the barge**
- **Bringing imagination and energy to a dream in time to enhance the existing garden near the barge**
- **Drawing in other volunteers to help and in due course inspiring the land owners to see what a beautiful space the garden could be so that we are given permission to enhance it!**

If you are interested and would like to come and take a look please reply to Colette@upperreaches.org.uk. November 2018

