

Position title:	Friendship Garden Volunteer	Times:	Thursdays 9.30am to 1pm
Report to:	Community Engagement Practitioner	Location:	Auburn Centre for Community, 44A Macquarie Road, Auburn NSW 2144

About Settlement Services International (SSI)

Settlement Services International (SSI) is a leading community-based not-for-profit organisation that provides a range of services in the areas of refugee settlement, asylum seeker assistance, housing, multicultural foster care, disability support and employment services in NSW.

Our vision is to achieve a society that values the diversity of its people and actively provides support to ensure meaningful social and economic participation and to assist individuals and families reach their potential.

At SSI, we value:

- Social justice - Equity and access for all
- Diversity - Respecting diversity and being non-discriminatory
- Compassion - Caring, empathy and respect for the dignity of others
- Respect - Co-operation and mutual respect

In delivering our services, we value:

- Quality - Dynamic, flexible and responsive service
- Ethics - Professional practices and accountability
- Innovation - Commitment to partnerships and excellence

Purpose:

The Friendship Garden welcomes newly arrived migrants, refugees, people seeking asylum, and CALD communities that may not have access to a garden in their home. The community garden has been designed to support people feel connected, grow local and traditional food, share or gain new knowledge about gardening and permaculture principles, and to build on their existing skills.

The volunteer will support newly arrived migrants and refugees to grow their own food and foster a sense of belonging. The volunteer will assist the gardener and participants with gardening and other horticulture related activities, preparing lunch, helping participants connect with each other, and offering community language assistance.

Specific duties and responsibilities:

- Assist gardeners with setting up and packing away garden tools and equipment
- Participate in gardening activities includes but not limited to planting, watering, mulching, weeding, composting and harvesting
- Assist gardeners with preparing lunch and morning tea for the day
- Support gardeners with keeping the environment clean, tidy and hazard free
- Participate in community garden workshops and excursions (optional)
- Actively support SSI's vision and values and work in accordance with SSI policies and procedures
- Follow all reasonable directions provided by the supervisor or delegate

Skills, Knowledge & Experience:

Mandatory Documents:	Working with Children Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Police Clearance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>(These checks will be conducted by SSI)</i> <i>In addition, for volunteers using own cars:</i> Drivers Licence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Car Insurance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Car registration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Essential Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in nature and the outdoors • Interest in volunteering with migrants, refugees, people seeking asylum, and other people with a CALD background • Ability to undertake tasks with minimal supervision
Desirable Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to speak a relevant community language, such as Arabic, Farsi, Dari, Hazaragi, Tamil is desirable • Experience and knowledge in plants and the environment is highly desirable

Benefits:

Reimbursement: Volunteers will have access to reimbursement for all preapproved expenses including reasonable travel expenses.

Training: Volunteers will be provided with access to SSI's flexible, extensive and innovative training program.

Being a member of the SSI Community: Volunteers will be kept up to date with all of SSI's important news, events and opportunities.

Authorisation:

Volunteer Name _____

Volunteer Signature _____ Date _____

Volunteer Program Signature _____ Date _____