



## Leaping Forward for Dementia, London

### Background information

Froglife is a national wildlife conservation charity that specialises in the conservation of amphibians, reptiles and their habitats. We believe that the long-term success of conservation efforts can only be maximised through the inclusion of people from wide ranging backgrounds, and one of Froglife's defining features is our commitment to involving people in every aspect of our work. Our goal is to make nature accessible to everyone, and the activities that we deliver are designed to encourage and enable as many people as possible to play an active role. This includes people from the most disadvantaged backgrounds, people living with dementia, people with mental health issues and young offenders. We aim to maximise the benefits to us all of working and volunteering in green spaces, both mentally and physically.

Leaping Forward for Dementia aims to enhance the lives of people living with dementia in London through conservation activities.

There are approximately 64,600 people living with dementia in London, rising to 65,937 by 2021 (Source: Dementia UK).

### Project activities

The project manager will consult and build relationships with people living with dementia and their carers, as well as local groups and partners to plan, deliver and evaluate three elements of the project:

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- **Wildlife Gardening Workshops:** building a wildlife garden using props; gathering wildlife memories/experiences through informal chats to create an anthology and introducing the other activities (mainly for on-set/milder dementia). We will deliver an additional workshop at each venue to train carers & social workers to deliver the workshops in future.
- **Wildlife Gardening Sessions:** physical improvements to community green spaces includes ponds, hibernacula, feeding stations, pond dipping etc. One session per week for eight weeks on a rotational basis.
- **Wildlife Routes:** Training sessions to learn a specific skill set. These sessions are led by professions and include wildlife photography/filming, graffiti art, creating a sculpture, species surveying, build a camera to record wildlife. One session per week for ten weeks. Offering people living with dementia and their carers a range of professional training packages to pursue higher level wildlife interests

We are currently running regular sessions in green spaces around Lambeth, including Streatham Common, Clapham Common and we are supporting a number of monthly dementia cafes. In a typical week in this role you will run 6 – 8 sessions, with the rest of the time for development work, planning, administration and the other tasks specified on the job description.

### Partnership working

The Project Manager will liaise with a wide range of partners in London to ensure that this project complements other work. Partners are likely to include: Care Homes, Dementia Cafes, Alzheimer’s Society, Dementia UK, Age UK, Parks, Allotment Associations, Community Garden Associations, Schools, Residents Associations. This will involve building new relationships as well as strengthening many which Froglife have established during our ongoing London T.O.A.D project <https://www.froglife.org/what-we-do/education/london-t-o-a-d/>

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