



Key Garden Volunteer

'Malls Mire' & 'The Base' Community Gardens

Charity Background

Urban Roots is a thriving environmental and health improvement organisation. Over the past 12 years, we have worked with local residents and partner organisations to establish a network of community gardens and environmental and wellbeing projects across the Southside of Glasgow.

We also manage a community woodland and Local Nature Reserve at Malls Mire. We are passionate about the benefits that these projects bring to improving local environments, promoting community cohesion and supporting the health and wellbeing of people of all ages.

How To Apply

Please send your CV and a short paragraph about yourself to our gardens coordinator :

elaina@urbanroots.org.uk

Purpose of Role

To assist our horticultural team in garden management tasks which will generate the future development and standard of our community gardens.

We hope that by joining our gardening groups as a key volunteer that you will be able to develop your horticultural skills and assist in the development and ongoing management of the gardens for both community residents and wildlife of the Malls Mire.

Volunteering Hours (flexible)

Tuesdays every week from 10.00 am – 1:00 pm
Wednesdays every week from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm



JOB DESCRIPTION

Duration

Long-term / Ongoing

Location

Urban Roots, Toryglen Community Base, Malls Mire Community Gardens

Reporting To

Gardens Coordinator & Therapeutic Gardener.

Skills / Qualifications / Health criteria

Volunteers do not need to have any prior knowledge or experience in working as a gardener but a basic ability to use hand tools will be helpful.

All training will be provided by our horticultural team.

The work can be strenuous at times and although we can arrange tasks according to different levels of fitness, we do suggest that for volunteers to get the most out of this role they are able to use their hands, as well as having a standard of fitness that will allow them to take part in walks on uneven ground, carry tools and undertake moderate aerobic activity (e.g. equivalent to general garden maintenance).

Personal Qualities

We are looking for volunteers that are empathetic and supportive of the conservation volunteers that usually attend the group.

Some of our volunteers are neurodiverse and some are adults with learning difficulties so we need someone compassionate and caring to support them in their volunteering role.

Although this role does not principally involve working with the general public, volunteers are often in contact with the public using our nature reserve and therefore we expect them to be polite and helpful wherever necessary, acting as representatives of Urban Roots.

As most tasks involve group work, we ask that volunteers accept others' differences and see volunteering as an opportunity to develop new relationships as well as learn new individual skills.



JOB DESCRIPTION

Main Duties

Gardening tasks are varied in response to the seasonal management required on the site but often include the following:

Grass Cutting	Seed Sowing	Weeding
Litter Picking	Building and Maintaining Beds & Borders	Hard Landscaping
Digging	Pruning	Seed Collection
Harvesting	Composting	Propagation
Path Maintenance	Use of Tools	Use of Machinery

Student Placements

For students of horticultural or environmental courses, where completing a placement is a mandatory element of your studies we would love to host your work experience!

Upon completion, we will celebrate your achievement with an Urban Roots Certificate. This will highlight the experience gained during your time with us and can be used to support your CV.

