



URBAN ROOTS TASKFORCE

Voluntary Group - Various Locations within Glasgow Southside

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

The Urban Roots taskforce is a group made entirely of volunteers who live within Glasgow. This group completes days-of-labour to complete big tasks for small urban green spaces to help community and habitat thrive! Group activities and projects cover areas including: horticulture, landscaping, woodland conservation & community engagement.

Our taskforce team involves a commitment of 1 day a month (3/5 hours) to provide help in creating and maintaining urban green spaces in the southside of Glasgow.

We hope that by joining our taskforce you will be able to cultivate new relationships with the places and people of our dear green city.



JOB DESCRIPTION

Volunteering Hours (flexible)

One day of group activities a month (3 / 5 hours pcm)

Duration

Long-term / Ongoing

Location

Work will be completed across various sites across the southside of Glasgow.
We do not offer mini bus service at this time.

Reporting To

Gardens Coordinator & Volunteers Coordinator

Skills / Qualifications / Health criteria

Volunteers do not need to have any prior knowledge or experience in working as a labourer but a basic ability to use hand tools (i.e., forks, trowel, hoe, secateurs, laupers, wheelbarrow) will be helpful.

All training will be provided by our 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 people who are empathetic and supportive of the volunteers that usually attend the group.

Although this role does not principally involve working with the general public, volunteers are often in contact with the public 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.



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Main Duties

Group tasks are varied in response to the urgent needs of an urban green space. The schedule of works can vary but often include the following:

Clearing Sites for Future Development	Building Polytunnels	Woodland Maintenance
Pruning	Building and Maintaining Beds & Borders	Hard Landscaping
Digging	Composting	Mulching
Event Participation	Use of Machinery	Use of Tools
Path Maintenance	Horticulture	Knowledge Exchange

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.

