

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

ROLE TITLE; EXTERNAL AREA VOLUNTEER/GENERAL GARDENING

RESPONSIBLE TO; SENIOR EXTERNAL AREA SUPERVISOR OR AREA SUPERVISOR

AIMS:

To assist with a wide range of horticultural tasks, many of them routine, requiring regular performance and commitment. Training in these tasks would be given; however, the position of volunteer does not include regular or structured training leading to a horticultural qualification.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES:

The volunteer will be asked to undertake activities from the list of tasks below. It should be noted that the list is not exhaustive and other tasks may be required as necessary.

- Sweeping paths
- Litter picking
- Weeding planted areas
- Tidying up planting areas, including deadheading and mulching
- Sweeping/gathering leaves
- Basic turf care (no machinery)

The role of External Area Volunteer is also very weather dependant. Few volunteers are required through the winter months of December, January and February. And, if the weather is inclement e.g. raining or frosty etc on your volunteering day, you should ring the Gardens to determine if there is any need for you to attend.

PERSON SPECIFICATION:

The above position may benefit someone who is thinking of pursuing a career in horticulture, in that, the volunteer would participate in the many routine tasks associated with horticulture. Alternatively, the role may suit someone leaving full time employment who wishes to remain active.

The person must be enthusiastic and dependable capable of working alone after appropriate instruction or as part of a small group.

The volunteer must also be able to cope with the sometimes physically demanding requirements of gardening.

The Gardens would require a commitment of at least 4 h per week for 6 months from any volunteer.