

Garden Volunteers

Reports to	Head Gardener and Community & Discovery Programme Manager
Role	Our Gardens Volunteers help our Gardens Team with their activities at Edinburgh Zoo. Gardens Volunteers are trained by the Gardens Team to assist with general activities including bed maintenance and may get the opportunity to be trained in specific skills such as the pruning of different species. They get the opportunity to learn new skills and knowledge from our specialist staff and experience gardening in our unique zoo setting.
Duties	<p>Following training, volunteers will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carry out general labouring duties • assist gardens staff with bed maintenance • carry out pruning under instruction from staff • assist gardens staff with other tasks as appropriate <p>This volunteer role will involve physical tasks outdoors, in all seasons, and can involve long periods of standing or bending so volunteers should be prepared for this. This role will also include contact with a variety of plants and other materials so volunteers should provide information regarding any allergies they have.</p>
Person Specification	<p>You will need to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 or over. • Interest in horticulture and spending time outdoors • You will be friendly, positive, self-confident • Good communication skills and team working skills • Reliable and flexible with role and timings • Keen to learn and stay informed. • Able to work outside for long periods of activity.
Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We hope that volunteers will be able to commit to a minimum of 60 hours a year. • Volunteer shift times and frequency can be discussed at an informal interview.
Support, Training, and Uniform	Volunteers will attend an induction and any training needed for the role. All volunteers accepted into this role will be required to complete a Basic PVG Disclosure check. A volunteer uniform (polo shirt and jumper) and, a name badge will be provided following an induction. The Head Gardener will be on site every day to provide support to the Garden Volunteers. Full PPE will be provided following a successful trial period of 4 shifts.
Location	Edinburgh Zoo, Edinburgh EH12 6TS.

** Whilst we do welcome volunteers of all abilities and needs, please let us know if you do have additional needs that we should be aware of.*