



David Livingstone Birthplace

Garden Volunteer Role Description

Location: David Livingstone Birthplace, 165 Station Road, Blantyre, G72 9BY

Reporting to: Volunteer and Skills Development Officer/Head Gardening Volunteer

Background

This is an exciting time to come and join us, as we get ready for the re-opening of the David Livingstone Birthplace (DLB) in Summer 2021. Following a three-year refurbishment, we will open our brand-new museum exhibition, shop, and café.

The gardening volunteers are a friendly team of volunteers who work all year round to maintain the extensive gardens around the David Livingstone Birthplace. They play an important role in making the grounds accessible, attractive, and enjoyable for the wide range of people that visit the grounds.

Time Commitment:

The garden volunteer team usually meet on Mondays and Thursdays between 10am-3pm with a break for lunch. Volunteers can join for the whole session or for any length of time that they can contribute. We are also looking for occasional volunteers who can spare some time every now and then to volunteer to undertake specific projects (usually at weekends).

Key activities:

Looking after the gardens, which may include:

- Grass cutting
- Weeding
- Hedge trimming
- Tidying the grounds
- Planting
- Leaf clearance

Skills and qualities needed:

- Interest in working outdoors.
- Enthusiasm and appreciation of plants and trees in a park setting.

- Ability to work within a team and willingness to learn new skills.
- Gardening experience is helpful but not essential.

Training provided:

A volunteer induction will be given to introduce everyone to the site and current health and safety practices. Instruction will be given on each gardening task and how to use tools safely.

Resources needed:

- Garden tools will be provided.
- Gloves and safety glasses will be provided if necessary.
- No dress code but weather appropriate clothing should be worn each day.
- Appropriate footwear is necessary.

Note: DLB can purchase new boots for volunteers if necessary or give reimbursement for new boots bought by volunteers up to £40.

COVID precautions:

Volunteers should practice social distancing and frequent hand washing. Face coverings should be worn indoors or when social distancing is not possible.

The benefits of volunteering with DLB:

- The chance to meet new people and join our community of dedicated volunteers.
- Gaining experience to use on your CV.
- The opportunity to put existing skills into practice and build new skills.
- Reimbursement of travel expenses.
- Volunteering references.

We encourage applicants from all backgrounds, and welcome applications from those living with a disability, people from a BAME background and those who identify as LGBTQI+.

The volunteer recruitment process will involve having an informal chat with the Volunteer and Skills Development Officer and successfully providing two references.

To register interest and for further information please contact: volunteer@dltrust.uk

Please state in your email why you would like to volunteer at DLB and any relevant experience or interests.

