

# Volunteer Role – Grounds and Gardening Team

**Title Position:** Grounds Maintenance Team

**Purpose of role:** To keep our 2½ acres of gardens looking tidy and welcoming, for the benefit of our visitors and the local community.

**Sample activities:**

1. Keeping the dynamic of the 'Peace Garden' meaningful to visitors
2. Grass-cutting and strimming around trees, maintaining pathways, hedge-trimming
3. Planting up new areas, clearing dead foliage and pruning trees
4. Planning input into and maintaining the community allotment area
5. Be part of the decision making process in planning future work in the garden
6. Ensure we have adequate supplies of tools and equipment to service the garden

**Timeframe:**

Length of commitment:

We want you to simply be a part of something that's novel and fun and so our hope is that you'll enjoy the experience of working in the grounds so much that you will stick around for a while and encourage others to come and help out to.

Estimated number of hours:

A minimum of two hours a week, or four hours every fortnight

**Who you report to:**

Work done will be under the planning and coordination of the Assistant Care House Manager and Volunteer Manager at Darkley House.

**Desirable attributes:**

- Those who are knowledgeable and interested in gardening
- Those willing to learn about gardening and be part of an effective sustainable team – servant-hearted people
- Those who want to make a difference to the community where the garden is set
- Ability to plan ahead, organise planting and maintenance
- Maintenance and upkeep of gardening tools and hardware

**What you get from your time at Darkley – training and orientation available**

- The joy of seeing a job well done
- Learning and developing skills in gardening
- Satisfaction of working with a diverse team
- Being part of a movement for change which cares for the south Armagh area
- Free lunch and refreshments throughout the day
- Make new friends and meet others from different cultural backgrounds
- 'Thank you' days and evenings where we celebrate volunteering together

**Expenses:** Travel expenses and additional expenses incurred whilst volunteering reimbursed as requested, with the prior agreement of the volunteer manager

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