

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Post:	Assistant Horticultural Learning Technician – Nursery (29.6 hours per week – Tuesday to Friday)
Department:	Education
Division:	Horticulture and Learning

Job Description

Key Responsibilities

- Maintenance and co-ordination of education resources in our teaching nursery area
- Act as a liaison between Horticulture and Education
- Support students using our Education facilities within the Nursery and wider Garden areas
- Provide support for field excursions

Specific Responsibilities

- Provide plant material for a range of classes
- Maintaining and organising the teaching areas within the nursery
- Assist in projects to support the development of the teaching nursery to meet the demand of current and future courses.
- Set up for Practical classes in the teaching nursery area and classrooms
- Sterilising pots, tools and other items required
- Act as driver and assist trip leader for field trips
- Liaise with students answer queries re: tools and supplies; organising growing spaces (heated bench, polytunnel etc), waste and compost trailers for plot project
- Support for student plots and other student projects

Person Specification

Skills/Aptitude	Essential	Desirable
Wide ranging practical horticulture skills, experience and techniques and a high level	*	
Ability to communicate with people at all levels – from interpersonal to social media	*	
Ability to work with others in a variety of ways	*	
Operation of horticultural machinery		*
IT literate with experience of Microsoft Office (e.g., Word, Excel, Outlook)		*
Ability to supervise and advise students	*	



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Knowledge	Essential	Desirable
Knowledge of current industry health and safety practices	*	
Knowledge of fruit and vegetable cultivation		*
Knowledge of nursery plant production		*

Professional Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
Horticulture qualification at a minimum of National Diploma/SVQ2/QCF2	*	
Higher National Diploma (HND) or equivalent		*
D1 Driver's license for minibus or be willing to obtain minibus driving certification	*	
PA1 & PA6 spraying certificates		*