



Volunteer Role: Garden Guide (Inverleith)
Volunteer Area: Garden/Visitor Welcome Team
Division: Learning and Engagement

Volunteering at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh is one of Scotland's most admired national institutions and a leading global centre for science, conservation and education. With a network of over 1,700 botanic gardens in 148 countries, RBGE's work supports a sustainable and healthy future for people and the planet. Our education and research programmes span more than 55 and 34 countries respectively.

Volunteers play a vital role in supporting RBGE's mission and enhancing the visitor experience. Volunteers are involved within various areas of the Garden including Horticulture, Science Communication, Phenology, Events, Exhibitions, Visitor Welcome and the Herbarium and Library.

About the Role

Garden Guides lead informative and engaging tours of the Inverleith Garden, helping visitors discover the beauty and significance of our plant collections. Tours run twice daily, from April to October, with the additional prebooked group tours and cream tea tours throughout the year, all of which are charged.

We are looking for volunteers to commit to leading 4 – 6 tours per month, including some weekends. Occasionally, short notice tours may be requested, so flexibility is appreciated.

Main Duties

- Lead scheduled daily tours, group and specialist tours and Cream Tea Tours up to a maximum of 15 people.
- Engage with diverse visitor groups and adapt tour content to suit varying levels of botanical knowledge.
- Represent RBGE in a friendly, welcoming and professional manner.
- Commit to ongoing learning.

Commitment

4 – 6 Tours a month for a minimum of twelve months



Experience

No formal experience is required however you need to have the confidence to talk to large groups of people, identifying their knowledge and adapt tours accordingly

Minimum Age

18

Training Given

A training programme is run for all new applicants and ongoing support and guidance from existing guides and members of staff. Ongoing training through monthly meetings and talks.

Support

We encourage applications from volunteers from diverse backgrounds, and value the positive impact that this has on our team. RBGE is committed to ensuring that all volunteers are treated equally irrespective of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage or civil partnership, and pregnancy or maternity. If you have any access requirements or questions relating to this volunteering opportunity, please do not hesitate to get in touch.