

Job description

Horticultural Trainee

JOB TITLE:	Horticultural Trainee
SALARY:	Satisfies National Minimum Wage
HOURS:	21 hours per week
TERM:	37 week period (Fixed Term Contract)
LOCATION:	Bute Produce
Eligibility Criteria:	Applicants must currently be unemployed

This post is a funded role through People and Communities Funding.

ACCOUNTABILITY & RESPONSIBILITY

The horticultural trainee is directly accountable to the Senior Horticulturist on a day-to-day basis, who has overall accountability.

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

Ideally, the post requires good knowledge or interest of gardening or land development related to produce (fruit and vegetables). It also requires the ability to develop and train in skills relating to horticultural and customer service tasks within a local produce site. Further flexibility in working hours is required to meet the seasonal growing schedules of a producing garden.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF POST

To provide effective support to ensure the successful operation and land management of a producing garden including sowing, planting, cultivation, harvesting and horticultural care of a range of produce. Further engagement with the public will be required as well as participating in activities or workshops held on site involving the community. Further development of rural and land development skills will be required. A willingness to learn new skills in land management, production, equipment safety and maintenance, and a general interest in the food cycle is desirable. From time to time, the project may involve off site work to support outreach activities.

PRINCIPLE DUTIES

- To maintain day to day activities relating to the care of produce from seed to retail with new learning skills relating to heritage growing methods.
- To undertake daily tasks such as watering, harvesting, planting, digging and other tasks as required maintaining and increasing yield on site.
- To operate farm and garden equipment as directed and within health and safety requirements
- To prepare and present the green box vegetables to a high and consistent standard
- To record sales of produce and ensure accurate information passed on to the Supervisor and Administrator.
- To provide a high level of customer service at all times.
- To carry out other such duties and responsibilities as may be required from time to time by the Line Manager

Please contact the Rothesay Job Centre for an application form. Completed forms can be return to Rothesay Job Centre. Alternatively completed applications can be returned FTAO Fiona Zavaroni, Fyne Futures Ltd, 81 Victoria Street, Rothesay, Isle of Bute, PA20 0AP.