

Job description

Volunteer Seed Saver

Qualifications and Experience:

Ideally the post requires knowledge and working experience of gardening specifically related skill to produce (fruit and vegetables). Previous experience of growing for seed would be desirable. However, training on both these aspects will be given relevant to volunteer experience.

Accountability and Responsibilities:

The Volunteer Seed Saver will be responsible to Senior Horticulturist, or a delegated person, nominated and agreed by the Fyne Futures Board. The Volunteer Seed Saver will provide support to Senior Horticulturist and may deputise as required. Volunteer Seed Saver will provide support for the effective and efficient use of all resources required to maintain the seed bank and heritage corner growing space. Volunteer Seed Saver will act as ambassador for Fyne Futures and will at all times be respectful and helpful to the community we serve.

Main Objectives of Post

- To support staff including activities relating to health & wellbeing, personnel development and efficient provision of market garden services
- To implement and provide effective support for the various activities undertaken to develop and grow the seed bank
- To support production of seeds
- To ensure compliance of Fyne Futures policies and processes

The main job activities are as follows:

- To provide holiday cover for Senior Horticulturist
- To seek partnerships that would enable seed swaps and increase knowledge of the importance of seeds
- To cultivate and maintain organic crops through to seed production
- To ensure the seed bank is well maintained and supports successful seed storage
- To maintain an inventory of seeds stored including keeping accurate records of incoming and outgoing seeds, and routinely undertaking germination testing
- To encourage people to support growing for seed, seed saving, and seed swapping through talks, tours and events

Person Specification

Essential skills and experience:

- Commitment to development of horticulture skills following organic principles for the purpose of production of local produce, seed saving, creating compost and a healthy bio-diverse environment
- Able to build and sustain rapport with key stakeholders

Desirable skills:

- Have a full, current and clean driving licence
- IT literate

Personal qualities:

- Be committed to the social and community objectives of Fyne Futures Ltd
- Be a good communicator and get on well with others
- Be able to deal with the public in a sensitive manner
- Possess the ability to work unsupervised and use own initiative
- Possess good organisational skills
- Be capable of working in a team situation
- Possess a positive attitude to disadvantaged and vulnerable members of society
- Possess a desire and have the ability to promote environmental awareness with respect to low carbon living
- Possess a friendly and enthusiastic disposition

Hours:

Up to 7 hours per week within Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5pm operating hours

Salary:

This post is on a voluntary basis

Holiday:

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