

Volunteering at Ness Botanic Gardens

If you love plants, gardens and meeting people, come and join us!



Anyone can volunteer. It doesn't matter what your skills, experience or background are.

We usually ask for half a day a week – but if you want to do more, you would be welcome!

Here at Ness Botanic Gardens we are reliant on the continuing support of a wide-ranging team of volunteers to underpin our operation. Volunteer time given to the Gardens, and the structures and activities which sustain them, is equivalent to approximately 10 full-time members of staff annually, which enables us to provide the current range and level of services.

While we recognise that volunteers are not quite the same as staff, we also understand that staff and volunteers alike are all working together to run the Ness Botanic Gardens to the highest possible standards and to enable their enjoyment by future generations.

Ness Botanic Gardens is, therefore, committed to providing all its volunteers with the right training and equipment to enable them to perform to the highest standards. In return we ask that volunteers work closely with staff, help implement our policies and processes, and overall support the excellent customer experience we aspire to provide.

Volunteering has been a crucial part of the Ness story for over half a century and we look forward to many more successful years, as together we take the Ness Botanic Gardens into an exciting future.

What types of volunteers are we looking for?

- **Visitor Experience:** Welcoming visitors, providing information and providing admission to the Gardens. You will also support the gift shop and plant sales with pricing, tidying and display, and will support the recruitment of new members to the Friends of Ness Gardens.
- **Events:** Supporting our special events can involve a range of tasks, such as providing information, queue management, and car parking.
- **Education:** Working with our Education Team, tasks include the delivery of family craft activities and the development of activity resources.
- **Office Support:** Undertaking a variety of administration tasks to support the Ness team.

Not only do you get to work in a beautiful location, gain a range of new skills and meet new friends, but you also benefit from:

- A Supporters Card for regular volunteers, allowing you and a friend to visit the gardens for free
- Enjoy a 10% discount in the Botanic Kitchen at Ness Cafe
- Enjoy a 10% discount in our Gift Shop
- Enjoy a 10% discount in our Plant Sales area, courtesy of Dovecote Nurseries
- Invitations to special events, including our twice-yearly volunteer parties
- Most importantly, a hot drink and home-baked cake at break time.

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Welcome Friend and Welcome Stranger, Welcome One and All A.K. Bailey

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- **Friends of Ness Gardens:** Tasks include providing administrative support to the onsite team and recruitment of new members at events, both at Ness and further afield.

For more information go to:
liverpool.ac.uk/ness-gardens/support-us/volunteering/
Or call: **0151 795 6300**