

Volunteer Gardener Role Description

Clan Cancer Support (Clan) is a well-established local charity located in the heart of communities across the North-East, Moray, Orkney and Shetland Isles. Clan is here for anyone affected by a cancer diagnosis, providing emotional and practical support to help live with and beyond their own or someone else's cancer diagnosis and improve the quality of life for all those who turn to us for support. Our services are freely offered to all from pre-diagnosis and diagnosis through treatment and beyond through our network of wellbeing centres.

What this Role Involves

Your role as a **Clan VOLUNTEER GARDENER** is to maintain, develop and protect our garden so that it can be enjoyed by all Clan clients, staff, volunteers and visitors.

Typical activities include working as a part of a team or on your own initiative to carry out routine maintenance of the Clan garden by:

- Watering, weeding and planting as needed.
- Cutting the lawn.
- Pruning shrubs, trees and plants.
- Dead-heading as required.
- Keeping pathways clean and cleared of debris.
- Completing other general gardening duties as required under the direction of your designated Clan Contact and other Volunteer Gardeners.
- Greeting visitors to the garden and answering any questions they may have.

Role Commitments

- Working on a rota basis attending a shift of 2-3 hours either weekly, fortnightly or monthly - usually for a minimum period of 12 months (unless otherwise agreed) and on occasions being flexible and available to help at short notice
- Attending required training and volunteer meetings to receive updates, ongoing development and support
- Shift length and time commitment may vary in accordance with the needs of the organisation
- Helping to raise awareness of Clan services

Essential Skills and Experience Required

There are no prerequisites for this role in terms of professional qualifications and Clan will provide you with the relevant training and ongoing supervision to support you in your role.

Desirable skills and attributes include:

- Some experience of gardening (this would be an advantage but is not essential)
- The ability to work on your own initiative and as part of a team
- Reasonable level of physical fitness
- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- To have an understanding of the impact serious illness can have on daily life and to be empathic and sensitive with all users of Clan services
- Willing to undertake any additional training as required, to enhance the services delivered by Clan
- Working in accordance with Clan Policies & Procedures

- Honest, sense of responsibility, confidentiality & good communication skills

Health and social care experience or knowledge of the third sector would be an advantage. We value personal experience and would welcome anyone without the preferred skills and experience but are passionate about making a difference and supporting local people in their community to apply for this role.

How Clan will Support You

In return for your time as a VOLUNTEER GARDENER, Clan will:

- Aim to ensure that volunteering with us is a fulfilling and worthwhile experience. You'll have support from staff, with the opportunity to gain and develop skills and meet with other volunteers.

Clan will provide you with:

- Comprehensive induction to Clan and your role
- Relevant training as required, including manual handling
- Ongoing training, supervision, development and wellbeing support
- Reimbursed expenses incurred whilst volunteering in accordance with our Expenses Policy

Applying to Volunteer

You can contact us via our website www.clancancersupport.org or email volunteering@Clancancersupport.org