

Horticultural Assistant

Reports to:	Head Ornamental Gardener
Location:	Dundrum, Dublin 14
Direct Reports:	None
Contract Type:	Fixed Term Contract
Remuneration:	€22k – €25k depending on experience and qualifications
Start Date:	Immediate

JOB SUMMARY

To assist in the day to day operations of the ornamental and food gardens, polytunnels and estate.

BACKGROUND

Airfield Estate is a 38 acre working educational farm and gardens located in Dundrum, Dublin 14. We provide a wide range of programmes and activities that aim to promote an understanding of agriculture, horticulture and the link between farming and food production. Our farm, gardens, heritage and play spaces are open to the public seven days a week. We run a number of experiential education programmes for schools and adults focusing on food, farming, gardening and the natural world.

Our aim is to inspire people to connect with farming and gardening and we are looking for a passionate, practical and energetic people to be part of a team to assist in the development of our gardens and our programme of events.

We are looking to recruit an experienced and enthusiastic horticulturalist to join the Airfield gardening team. The main remit of this position is to assist in the day to day operations of the ornamental and food gardens, polytunnels and estate.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in the day to day maintenance and development of Airfield's ornamental gardens including:
management of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants;
turf care; pest/disease/weed control;
compost;
path care,
plant propagation
irrigation
- Assist in the day to day maintenance and development of Airfield's food gardens and estate
- Use garden/farm tools and machinery.
- Assist in the management of volunteers and students.
- Assist in preparation and delivery of Airfield Estate's activities and programmes
- Assisting with Airfields Estate's visitor experience and educational programmes
- Assist cross departmental teams
- Interact with members of the public

PERSON SPECIFICATION Likely Qualifications, Knowledge & Experience

- Horticultural qualification and at least 1 year practical horticultural experience.
- Ability to work within a team in all- weather conditions.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to follow instructions with good attention to detail.
- Competent DIY and machine operating skills. (Chainsaw licence desirable).
- Relevant pesticide qualification PA1 & PA6 (desirable)
- Full Irish driver licence (essential)
- Passionate about horticulture and sustainability.
- Be flexible in working hours in line with peaks and troughs of activity in the calendar year.
- Proficient in the use of technology
- Dynamic – ability to bring energy to the organisation
- Interpersonal skills
- Ability to self motivate in a fast moving, changing and challenging business organisation
- Ability to interface effectively with all levels throughout the Organisation and its stakeholders
- Ability to prioritise and meet deadlines
- Ability to handle multiple projects simultaneously
- An empathy with food, nature and the outdoors

Please email **CV and cover letter** by **February 10th 2017** to gardens@airfield.ie or post to

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