Volunteering at the University of Bristol Botanic Garden

WELCOMING, GUIDING, EVENTS AND REFRESHMENTS
The University of Bristol Botanic Garden is filled with a huge diversity of plants, including many exotic species, set in inspirational displays against the backdrop of a striking Victorian house. This is the first new university botanic garden to be created in the United Kingdom for nearly forty years. It provides a new cultural attraction for the city of Bristol as well as being a teaching resource within the University, a centre for adult education and a resource for local schools.

Volunteers are essential to the running of the Garden and are a respected and valued part of the workforce. Some have been with us for over 20 years supporting the work of the Botanic Garden in a variety of ways.

Primarily we are looking for people who can offer enthusiasm, reliability and commitment. Particular skills are useful but not essential.

Volunteering is a fun and rewarding way in which to help ensure the Garden continues to develop and flourish.

“The Botanic Garden is a beautiful and inspiring place. It would not exist without its small army of volunteers. I am proud that the Friends’ fundraising not only provides some of the fabric of the Gardens but also supports two apprentices throughout their training and qualification. I have been volunteering since I retired five years ago and every visit has involved a laugh, a joke and another story to tell.”
Ann Brake, Botanic Garden volunteer

“I really enjoy volunteering at the Botanic Garden, it’s informal, fun and has the flexibility to fit neatly into my life..”
Kate Harvey, Botanic Garden volunteer

Contact us
For more details about volunteering at the Botanic Garden
• Email: botanic-gardens@bristol.ac.uk
• Call the Garden Administrator on 0117 428 2041
• Or visit the Botanic Garden’s website:
www.bris.ac.uk/botanic-garden
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Botanic Garden

Welcoming, Guiding, Events & Refreshments volunteers

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Every year we welcome over 20,000 visitors to the Garden and we want to ensure they have an enjoyable and inspirational experience. Volunteers are essential in helping us achieve this by giving a warm welcome, providing information about the Garden and helping with refreshments and publicity. The roles are valued, rewarding and vital to the continued success of the Garden.

Please tick the activities which interest you:

☐ Welcome Volunteers: In the Welcome Lodge, greeting visitors, till operation (training is given), providing general information about the Garden, the Friends’ Association etc.

☐ Refreshments: Helping in the refreshment room during events, at weekends or for large tour groups. Involves serving and clearing.

☐ Guiding groups: Taking groups around the Garden, on an occasional basis, after appropriate training sessions.

☐ Publicity: Delivering leaflets in your local area.

☐ Any other skills you are able to offer us which you think might be useful – please give details overleaf.
Please indicate the amount of time which you would be able to give:

☐ Half a day a week  ☐ One day a week  ☐ One day per fortnight
☐ One day a month  ☐ Occasional basis

Details of skills: (Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Return this form to:
Volunteers’ Administrator,
University of Bristol Botanic Garden,
Hollybush Lane,
Stoke Bishop, Bristol  BS9 1JB

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