



## Gardens Regular Volunteer

### Volunteer Role Description

## What does the Centre for Alternative Technology do?

The Centre for Alternative Technology, or CAT as it is affectionately known, aims to inspire, inform and enable people to achieve practical solutions for sustainability and to equip people with the skills, knowledge and understanding to help our society make this change.

We work towards this goal through our graduate school, visitor centre containing interactive displays demonstrating a wide range of sustainable technology, short courses, school and university visits, information service and Zero Carbon Britain reports.

## What will you be doing?

As members of the Gardening Team, Regular Volunteers come in for a day or two a week, helping to keep the gardens and pathways around our Visitor Centre presentable and also helping to produce food for our Café.

This includes:

- Harvesting and supplying the Café
- Leaf raking and keeping the visitor centre weeded and tidy
- Raising plants from seed
- Planting out vegetable and flowers
- Keeping the visitor centre weeded and tidy
- Help with on-going maintenance and development of the display gardens
- Working in the field – planting, hoeing, harvesting produce for the CAT Café
- Composting
- Daily responsibilities that may include watering, opening and closing poly tunnels etc.

## What does CAT provide?

- Initial and ongoing training as required.
- Support and direction from a gardening Supervisor.
- An environment in which to develop new and existing skills.
- The opportunity to meet new people.
- Free lunch if volunteering a full day.
- Travel expenses:
  - o Car 40p per mile
  - o Motorbike 24p per mile
  - o Bicycle 20p per mile
  - o Train Total fare
  - o Bus Total fare
  - o Up to a maximum of £16.60 per week.
- 10% off most products in our Café and Shop.
- Discounted Short Courses:
  - o ≥250 hours service = 30% off two courses
  - o ≥500 hours service = 50% off two courses

## Who are we looking for?

We're looking for people who:

- Want to make a regular commitment to volunteering at CAT.
- Have experience or are comfortable:
  - o Working outdoors (whatever the weather)
  - o Living with others
- Are enthusiastic and keen to get stuck-in with tasks.
- Are friendly, polite and amenable to others.
- Are reliable and trustworthy
- Will follow their Supervisors instructions and CAT's policies and procedures.
- Have knowledge, interest or a willingness to learn about sustainability and CAT's work.

You will need the following up to date vaccinations and boosters:

- Diphtheria
- Polio
- Tetanus
- Hepatitis A

To apply, please fill in our Volunteer Application Form

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