



DRY ARCH TREE NURSERY ASSISTANT – ROLE DESCRIPTION

Date:	June 24
Job Title:	Dry Arch Tree Nursery Assistant
Purpose:	To support the More Trees team with all activities at the Dry Arch Community Tree Nursery including assisting with our Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteering programme.
Working with:	Nursery & DoE Programme Lead, CTN Development Manager and Volunteer & Engagement Officer
Hours/time:	Sunday mornings 10.30-12.30am, fortnightly
Locations:	Dry Arch Community Tree Nursery (CTN), Bathampton. Additional sessions at other locations may be arranged to allow the Duke of Edinburgh students to engage in all aspects of tree growing.

Background

More Trees has been planting trees across Bath and North East Somerset since 2008. In 2021, we decided to start growing our own trees from seed collected from local ancient and semi-natural woodland. We process, germinate and sow the collected seeds at our central Hub (currently at the Council Parks depot in Victoria Park) and nurture the saplings until they are planted out in our community tree nursery (CTN) network to grow on.

We now have 11 CTNs and 6 tree nurseries in schools in our network and are currently developing a new permanent Hub in Redland Park, Twerton which we hope to move into ready for the new seed collecting season in September.

Our Dry Arch CTN is based at Bathampton and hosts our Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) Award volunteering programme. Here all volunteers including the students undertake all aspects of tree growing and nursery maintenance and development. Activities include planting out tree saplings, weeding beds, lifting and heling in trees as well as maintaining paths and developing new nursery beds. Additional sessions at other locations are arranged to ensure the DoE volunteers experience the whole range of tree growing activities.

This role will support and work with the Nursery & DoE Programme Lead. No formal qualifications are required. If you are passionate about trees, the environment, or a keen grower and want to learn and develop new skills then this may be the opportunity for you.



Key Tasks

- Assist with running the volunteering sessions in line with a calendar of annual tree nursery activities from planting, weeding, maintaining and developing beds and paths to lifting and healing in trees
- Support the volunteers to undertake the various activities during the sessions including preparation, set up, cleaning and tidying away tools
- Support the DoE students to maximise their learning and experience from the sessions in order to achieve their DoE award
- Liaise with the CTN Development Manager about nursery activities and requirements
- Liaise with the Volunteer & Engagement Officer about additional volunteering opportunities for the DoE volunteers and wider nursery volunteering requirements

Requirements

- Enhanced DBS check (More Trees will arrange this for you)
- Enthusiasm and a willingness to engage with young people
- Interest in environmental work and growing
- A physically active and practical person able to roll their sleeves up
- Enjoy spending time outdoors, whatever the weather!
- Able to take initiative and work as part of a small team
- Reliable and trustworthy
- Working in line with MTB Safeguarding Policy
- Working in line within MTB Equality Diversity and Inclusion Policy

Expectations

- To diarise and commit to agreed sessions
- To provide as much notice as possible if circumstances change and you are no longer able to run a session
- If unwell, to make all appropriate communication to all parties as necessary.
- To work closely and collaboratively with the Nursery & DoE Programme Lead.

Support

Your immediate contact for the nursery is Sandra Tuck, CTN Development Manager and for volunteering is Emma Jones, Volunteer & Engagement Officer.