

## Garden Volunteer

### Blackwell, The Arts & Crafts House

**Reporting to:** General Manager, Deputy Manager and Caretaker

**Time:** A minimum of three hours a week between May and November.

These hours will be dependent upon the weather and are flexible through the week.

We are looking to recruit two volunteers who are passionate about gardening and meeting the public.

You will be based at Blackwell, The Arts & Crafts House, Bowness-on-Windermere, Cumbria. The gardens at Blackwell were designed by Thomas Mawson, renowned Cumbrian Arts & Crafts garden designer.

The gardens are maintained by a gardening contractor and we are looking for volunteers to augment this provision by providing gardening duties outside of the contractor's weekly visit.

#### **Purpose and Key Objectives:**

As a member of the new Garden team, you will be expected to:

- Assist with horticultural tasks such as deadheading, pruning, and weeding, planting, watering, potting and sowing seed
- Learn about planting schemes and the history of the property garden
- Interact with visitors and explain the significance of the garden and its plants
- Supervise the garden and follow health and safety procedures
- Give tours and interpretation for visitors if required

#### **Knowledge and Experience:**

- A good level of horticultural knowledge and the willingness to learn
- An interest in working in the historic environment
- An interest in working outdoors
- The ability to work as part of a small team or alone
- The ability to undertake physical work for a period of time
- To be flexible and enthusiastic
- To enjoy meeting people and providing information

A full introduction to duties is provided and support from the operations team is available at all times.

If you are interested to join our team, or would like more information, please email a covering letter and your CV to [mcooksoncarter@lakelandarts.org.uk](mailto:mcooksoncarter@lakelandarts.org.uk)