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## **“We Dig Leith” Community Garden Development Project**

Greener Leith held a local food summit in early 2009 that aimed to identifying some of the barriers that prevented people from growing and eating more locally produced food. One of the barriers we identified was a lack of support for individuals who wished to get involved in local community garden projects.

Thanks to funding from the Vegware Community Fund, Greener Leith is now in a position to appoint a self-employed person with horticultural skills and experience, to establish and run a programme of regular work sessions in community gardens and green spaces throughout Leith.

Ideally, Greener Leith is looking for someone who has the following skills, experience and abilities:

- Good horticultural experience, growing for food production, biodiversity and amenity.
- A commitment to organic growing methods.
- A friendly disposition, able to communicate easily with people from a range of backgrounds.
- A good knowledge of relevant organisations and networks in the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership Area and beyond.
- Experience of working and managing volunteers in a horticultural or conservation context.
- An ability to operate safely and maintain a safe working environment for volunteers.
- Experience of working with volunteers to support and develop community involvement in improving green spaces.
- A commitment to social inclusion and equal opportunities for all.

## **“We Dig Leith” - The Role**

Greener Leith offers to pay a fee of £70 per month to the successful applicant and expect them to operate on a self-employed basis. In return, we would like the successful applicant to run a minimum of 2 sessions, no shorter than 2 hours long, every month in the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership area.

In the first instance, we would expect the successful applicant to focus on supporting volunteer action in the Persevere and Redbraes Community Gardens. The work will require liaison with existing volunteers with a view to adopting a shared ‘development plan’ for each space. However, from time to time, the successful applicant may be asked to work in other areas, including public parks.

The applicant would be expected to produce a short monthly report for funders and the Greener Leith management committee. In addition, the successful applicant will be required to undergo a criminal records check, as the role may involve some contact with young people.

## **Contact**

To apply for this role, please send a CV and cover letter that explains why you are the right person for this role.

We would prefer it if you could send your application by email to Alastair Tibbitt, Development Manager at: [justask@greenerleith.org](mailto:justask@greenerleith.org)

You can submit a paper application to the address at the top of this letter.

If you would like more information about the role, please call us for informal chat on 0131 539 4129, or email us on [justask@greenerleith.org](mailto:justask@greenerleith.org)

## **About Greener Leith**

Greener Leith is a Scottish Charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee established to promote sustainable development and public space improvements in and around Leith, Edinburgh. You can find out more about Greener Leith from our website at [www.greenerleith.org](http://www.greenerleith.org)

## **Deadline**

All applications must be received by 5pm, January the 8th, 2010.

## **Funding**

Greener Leith is grateful for for the support of the Vegware Community Fund in providing funding to support this role. You can find out more about Vegware at [www.vegware.com](http://www.vegware.com)

