



Job Description - Gardener/Part-time - 20 hours weekly

About Nano Nagle Birthplace

We are a living Heritage, Spirituality and Ecology Centre, which marks the Birthplace of Nano Nagle, foundress of the Presentation Congregation. We have an attractive walk around our organic farm in Ballygriffin and our grounds are beautiful. The peace and quiet are appreciated by the many people for whom this is a favorite walking place. There are three self-catering bungalows, a cosmic walk, and on alternate Saturdays the Killavullen Farmers' Market uses the land beside the carpark. The Birthplace property consists of 32 acres, of which approximately 25 are leased to a local farmer. The remainder of the land has a kitchen garden and flower beds, lawns, shrubs and trees which need regular attention.

Please have a look at our website at www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie

We are approx. 45km from Cork City and 9km from Mallow town.

Duties and Responsibilities

To succeed in this role, the candidate should be physically fit and able to manage small and heavy machinery. The ideal candidate will be friendly, professional, and possess in-depth knowledge of effective organic gardening techniques.

The following are key areas of responsibility:

- Cutting back shrubs
- Planting
- Weeding
- Assisting in compost making
- Using initiative in cleaning up around the site
- Sweeping around site
- Keeping the garden storerooms clean and tidy

- Informing the Director/Administrator of any issues within the grounds
- Promoting a friendly and welcoming atmosphere
- Undertaking other routine tasks such as dealing with recycling
- Ensuring all garden-related repairs are attended quickly
- Maintaining and growing the garden to ensure it meets specific requirements and expectations
- Seeding and sodding lawns, planting and maintaining lawns, flowers and shrubberies, prune trees and shrubs in a pollinator and wildlife friendly way
- Ensuring soil is kept in good condition by using suitable organic fertilisers.
- Clearing away leaves from pathways
- Working with hand tools and basic light machinery such as plant vehicles, and small diggers
- Maintaining a clean garden by clearing rubbish and litter from the garden and grounds.
- Undertaking any other duties as requested
- Tasks can vary according to the season and weather conditions

Requirements:

- At least three years' proven experience in a similar role in an organic environment.
- Ability to handle a range of horticultural machinery and powered hand tools.
- In-depth knowledge of plants and gardening techniques.
- Friendly personality with excellent interpersonal skills.
- Garda vetting is required.

The Gardener will have the following personal attributes:

Personal Qualities

- Good personal presentation
- Flexible approach to work duties
- Ability to organise and prioritise workload
- Commitment to a high-quality service
- Flexibility and adaptability
- Reliability, confidence, energy, trustworthiness, hardworking and discreet

Skills & Competencies

- Ability to work autonomously but also to be able to work as part of a team
- Ability to manage time effectively
- Ability to take and sometimes give instruction and direction and complete tasks to the highest standard

The Gardener should also possess:

- Good working knowledge of English
- A horticultural qualification
- Knowledge and willingness to apply safe working practices
- A knowledge of how to use equipment necessary to carry out the assigned tasks

This list is not exhaustive but gives a clear indication of the scope and nature of work. Other areas of responsibility may be added as the post evolves and develops. Salary is commensurate with skills and competencies.

Nano Nagle Birthplace is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21st.

Signature

Date

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