**Role:** Gardening Volunteer Role

**Responsible to:** Facilities Manager

**Time Commitment:** Flexible to suit your availability

between core hours (Mon-Fri 08.30 – 16.00)

**Background**

The Craighalbert Centre was established as The Scottish Centre for Children with Motor Impairments in 1991. We are a therapy centre and one of Scotland’s Grant Aided Special Schools funded directly by the Scottish Government to provide specialist and high-quality integrated therapy and education for children and young people affected by cerebral palsy and similar neurological conditions.

​We offer integrated learning, care and therapy for children from birth to 19 years. Our services include an independent school, nursery services, short term intensive residential programmes, an assessment service, group programmes and individual child and family support.

Services are provided on site at our Cumbernauld base, in family homes, at partner facilities throughout Scotland and through video link practitioner directed therapy sessions.

We believe that children with conditions that affect their motor functions require a focused and specialist environment within which their needs are addressed, their abilities can be developed and within which they can progress and flourish.

​**Role Description:**

Gardening Volunteers are based at our Centre in Cumbernauld, helping our facilities team to look after the plants, flowers and outdoor area, this can include painting fences, planting and general garden maintenance, ensuring that children and visitors have beautiful outdoor areas to explore.

* Planting flowers and maintaining plants
* Assisting with painting and decoration of outdoor areas
* Helping to set up gardens and outdoor areas for events, including the installation of decorations
* Building and maintaining garden furniture
* General garden maintenance

**Benefits to you:**

* Gain skills and experiences
* Meet new people
* Access training opportunities
* Strengthen your CV and carer pathway
* Obtain references for future employers
* Mentoring and support from a highly skilled team
* Increased knowledge and experience of working in an education and healthcare environment
* A sense of satisfaction and pride for helping to make a valuable service
* Opportunity to shadow someone in the organisation to develop skills
* Travel expenses
* Regular updates of Centre activities

**Skills, Experience and Qualities:**

* Enthusiastic
* Enjoy working outdoors
* Ability to work on own initiative
* Gardening or handman skills

**Time Commitment:**

There is no minimum time commitment for this role, most duties are carried out during our core hours of Monday to Friday 8.30am and 4pm.

**Recruitment Process:**

You must be a UK resident aged 18 or over.

Submit an application form stating which role you are interested in.

Applicants may be invited to the Centre or contacted by phone to discuss the role.

Successful applicants will be required to provide 2 references and complete a Disclosure Scotland Check prior to taking up their volunteer role.

An induction session to introduce you to the charity, recognising your skills and identifying any ongoing support or materials you will require to fulfil your role.

We encourage diversity in our volunteer roles and actively seek applications from people of all backgrounds and cultures. If you have concerns about your ability to volunteer with us due to a disability or additional needs, please contact us to see how we can support you.

To apply or find out more about this role please call Alicia McKenzie on 01236 456 100 or email [alicia@craighalbert.org.uk](mailto:alicia@craighalbert.org.uk) [www.craighalbert.org.uk](http://www.craighalbert.org.uk)