



Volunteer role description

Role title: **Gardener**

Main purpose of the role: To help with growing out seed crops and other plants at the production unit in Kilclief.

	Questions/Issues	Notes
1	<p>What? Seeds and plants are grown out at the premises in Kilclief and gardeners will be involved in all aspects of tending these plants. This will involve working both in the polytunnel and outside in the field and will involve using tools and equipment.</p>	
2	<p>When? The tasks involved in this role are ongoing so volunteers can choose when they would like to be involved within usual working weekday hours. All volunteer hours are appreciated.</p>	
3	<p>Where? The production unit in Kilclief, Co Down.</p>	
4	<p>With whom? Volunteers will be part of a larger team at THS, comprising both staff and volunteers.</p>	
5	<p>Support, supervision, training Volunteers will be given ongoing training and staff will provide supervision and full support.</p>	
6	<p>What the role offers volunteers This role offers training in horticultural skills and the opportunity to care and tend for plants as well as the experience of working for a charity. Volunteers will be part of a team working together to create Ireland's seed bank.</p>	

Volunteer Specification

- This is a role that involves working in the polytunnel and outside in the field at the production unit in Kilclief.
- While part of a wider team, staffing levels will vary on any given day.
- The role can be physically demanding so a level of fitness is needed. Appropriate clothing and weather protection should be worn.
- An interest in plants or plant conservation would be ideal. Prior knowledge and experience with working with plants would be beneficial but training will be given by THS staff.
- Volunteers can offer as few or as many hours as they choose, within usual working weekday hours. Gardening tasks are ongoing - there will always be tasks available - but it would be helpful for planning purposes if volunteers can plan and commit to their hours in advance. Notice should be given if a volunteer is unable to attend.
- Own transport to the site will be necessary.