



If you have an interest in gardening, happy to be in the great outdoors and would like to practice and develop your horticulture skills in inspiring surroundings with friendly people, then we have the right volunteer placement for you!

Who are we?

West Dean College of Arts and Conservation is a growing and internationally recognised College. It is located on the 6,400 acre West Dean Estate in beautiful West Sussex countryside near Chichester, specialising in creative and applied arts. As well as being a respected educational institution, the historic house and collections and the stunning ground and gardens are open to the public. We also host year round events and exhibitions, making West Dean a truly unique place to volunteer.

Our gardens are beautiful and as you will know, they need lots of care and attention. As a garden volunteer you might work in our famous walled garden, the greenhouses, visitor gardens or arboretum. Whilst volunteering you will hopefully learn new skills, enhance your horticultural knowledge as well as enjoying being part of a close knit and friendly team.

What will I be doing?

Helping with the general maintenance of the garden such as weeding, pruning and watering. Alongside this there are duties involved in developing the garden – planting, establishing borders, harvesting produce or developing the arboretum.

With the number of visitors that come to the gardens you might also interact with the general public and answer questions that they have in regards to the garden and its plants.

What do you need from me?

We need you to be able to volunteer at least one day (ideally 9.20 – 16.00) a week, be interested in gardening and have a 'can do' attitude towards undertaking outdoor physical work, with all the weather it might bring!

How to apply

If you are interested becoming a garden volunteer then please complete the volunteer application form which is held on our volunteer page: <https://www.westdean.org.uk/about/work-for-us#volunteer-for-us>

West Dean College are committed to ensuring volunteers feel valued, safe and recognised for everything they do.