

Job Description

Job Title	Botanical Horticulturist Apprentice
Directorate	Neighbourhoods and Housing
Service Area	Greenspaces
Grade	AP2
Competency Level	1
Salary	£24,547
Job Type	Office Based
Location	Newton Road
Apprenticeship	Horticulture or Landscape Construction Operative Level 2 - Horticulture or landscape construction operative / Skills England

About the Role

The Botanical Horticulture Apprentice will support the care, maintenance and development of Liverpool's unique botanical plant collections and greenspaces. Working alongside experienced horticultural professionals, you will gain hands-on experience caring for a diverse range of plants while developing the knowledge and skills needed for a career in horticulture.

This is an exciting opportunity to learn about botanical collections, glasshouse management and horticultural best practice while helping to maintain some of the city's most valued environmental and horticultural assets.

What You'll Be Doing

You will:

- Support the care and maintenance of botanical plant collections and glasshouse environments.
- Assist with planting, watering, propagation and general horticultural activities.
- Learn about plant identification, cultivation techniques and plant care requirements.
- Support the maintenance of rare, tropical and specialist plant collections.
- Assist with monitoring plant health and identifying pests, diseases and other issues.
- Help maintain displays to enhance visitor enjoyment and engagement.
- Use equipment and digital tools to record activities and support service delivery.
- Support grounds maintenance and horticultural operations across greenspaces where required.
- Assist with events, displays and visitor engagement activities.
- Follow health and safety procedures and contribute to maintaining a safe working environment.

What You'll Learn

During your apprenticeship you'll develop knowledge and skills in:

- Plant identification and plant science.
- Botanical collections management.
- Glasshouse operations and environmental control.
- Plant cultivation and propagation techniques.
- Pest, disease and weed management.
- Grounds maintenance and landscape care.
- Safe use of horticultural tools, equipment and machinery.

- Environmental sustainability and biodiversity.
- Health and safety within horticultural settings.
- Customer engagement and sharing knowledge with visitors.

You'll also gain practical experience maintaining important botanical collections and helping to preserve Liverpool's horticultural heritage.

Is This Role Right for You?

We're looking for someone who:

- Has an interest in plants, horticulture and the environment.
- Enjoys working outdoors and in glasshouse environments.
- Is enthusiastic and willing to learn new skills.
- Has a positive and proactive attitude.
- Can work effectively both independently and as part of a team.
- Has good communication skills.
- Takes pride in maintaining high standards of work.
- Is organised and able to follow instructions carefully.
- Understands the importance of health and safety.
- Enjoys practical, hands-on work.
- Is interested in developing a career in horticulture or environmental services.