

Community Gardening, Horticultural Training & Work Experience

Growing Youth is a 12 week work experience programme for young people from the South West of Edinburgh, run by Wester Hailes Edible Estates.

Edible Estates is a community project which supports folk to learn how to grow fruit and veg, establishes community gardens, promotes biodiversity and play.

Overview

A voluntary opportunity for young people considering a career in horticulture, landscaping, biodiversity or community gardening. It will run over 3 days each week, Tues -Thur, 10am to 3.30pm.

You will learn the sort of practical horticultural skills which gardening and landscaping employers will look for. You will be introduced to subjects like wildflower management and simple joinery. You'll work on a small farm where you'll receive an introduction to commercial scale food growing

No prior experience is necessary, you just have to be keen to learn and work as part of a team.

We will provide a free lunch, and all equipment and protective clothing.

When?

Growing Youth will begin on 24th May, but new participants can join at any time through the year.

Where?

Workshops will take place at community garden sites around Wester Hailes and at the Cyrenians Farm in West Lothian.

Eligibility

- Aged 16-25?
- Not working or in training?
- Not at college?
- Good in a team?
- Enjoy working with your hands, outdoors?

Practical Skills & Experience

Experienced gardeners will teach you basic horticultural techniques, and how to safely use a range of gardening tools and equipment. You will also learn how to safely use a range of hand and power tools for simple woodworking projects.

The work experience will include:

- Ground preparation and cultivation techniques
- Growing fruit and veg from seed
- Weeding, watering and plant care
- Laying out a garden and planting
- Maintaining paths and growing beds
- Construction of sheds and other timber structures.

Interested?

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