

Garden Volunteer – Linburn Walled Garden

Location: Linburn Walled Garden, Legion Hall, Wilkieston, Kirknewton EH27 8DU.
[See on map here.](#)

Hours: Garden is generally open Monday – Friday (10am to 4pm)

We are flexible on how often you can volunteer.

Main volunteering days: 10am-3pm

- **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** are for the local *community* volunteers
- **Thursdays** are reserved exclusively for those with *Military* connections to volunteer

What is Linburn Walled Garden?

Cyrenians' Linburn Walled Garden is a welcoming, outdoor wellbeing space supporting veterans, armed forces families, and the wider community in West Lothian. The garden provides a safe, inclusive environment that promotes mental wellbeing, social connection, and successful community integration for those with lived experience of military service.

Through therapeutic horticulture, wellbeing activities, skills development and peer support, Linburn helps veterans and their families build confidence, routine and connection. Participants are also offered tailored signposting to specialist veterans' services and local support, ensuring holistic, person-centred pathways that reflect individual needs.

The historic walled garden includes a polytunnel, vegetable and kitchen gardens, sensory garden, raised beds, pond, wildflower maze, cut-flower area and open green space for outdoor games and group activities. These spaces support both structured programmes and informal opportunities to spend time outdoors, supporting physical and mental health.

What will you do as a volunteer?

Depending on the season, and the interests and abilities of the people who attend, this can include:

- Garden activities, including sowing seeds, planting or harvesting crops, weeding, watering, and propagating plants, barrowing woodchip/manure
- Looking after the garden, such as making or maintaining planters, painting garden furniture, and looking after the grounds

- Nature based activities: pressing/ drying flowers and plants or making craft activities using garden ingredients.

What can you gain from this volunteering opportunity?

- Develop knowledge and understanding of therapeutic gardening
- Be a part of a positive and supportive community
- Develop skills in delivering workshops in arts and greenspace activity
- Meet new people, including artists and horticulturalists
- Gain further understanding in issues and barriers for those affected by homelessness
- Opportunity to share your knowledge and shape activities.

Does this sound like you?

Everyone is welcome to join and get actively involved with our activities at the Access Place as a volunteer.

If you...

- are over 18 years old
- have an interest in arts and greenspace activities
- enjoy engaging with people
- might have some knowledge or experience of gardening or are willing to learn
- enjoy listening actively to others' stories
- are friendly and easy to approach
- are reliable
- can be flexible to needs and ability of individuals and groups
- can work with individuals who may have different support needs
- do not judge and are respectful of confidentiality.

Then let us know your interest and get in touch by filling in the online form. We can then arrange a chat to get to know each other better, and we will share more information about the place and volunteering opportunity.

Your accessibility

Please let us know in the online form, if you need any support or adjustments to make our first chat together and volunteering a positive experience for you.

If you for any reason cannot fill in our online form, not to worry. Please reach out to us on: veterans@cyrenians.scot or Laura on 07891884323.

You are also welcome to submit a short video (MP4 format) via our online submission tool instead. Please include the information that we ask for in our 'interest form'.

Our place is largely accessible for wheelchair users. Toilet is not wheelchair accessible. There is free parking nearby – along the grass verge by the garden wall. Three bus lines stop nearby – x27, x40 and x28

We will ask you for the contact details of a person, who you have known for more than 6 months (1 reference). If you need support identifying a reference, please let us know.

Keeping everyone safe

You can read [our safeguarding policy here](#) that details our commitment to keeping everyone safe. It is expected of everyone to adhere to these commitments. We expect all volunteers to do relevant training, so you can help keep yourself and others safe from harm.