**Volunteer Role Description**

**Volunteer/ Friends of Lauriston Castle Estate**

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| **Supervisors** | North West Park Ranger Service |  |
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| **Information**  | Lauriston castle was left to the nation in 1926 by the last private owner, Mrs Reid. The Castle and the collections it contains is one of Scotland’s greatest gifts. The beautiful grounds were laid out by William Henry Playfair in the 1840s.  Much of the planting dates to this period. The award-winning Japanese Friendship garden, gifted by the prefecture of Kyoto, is a tranquil place to sit and dream. The Estate relies on the assistance of volunteers through general gardening and grounds maintenance. This is an opportunity to utilise your skills and experience in gardening to help maintain Lauriston Castle grounds along with other volunteers.  |
| **Role Purpose** | To help maintain the Lauriston Castle Estate |
| **Responsibilities** | * Undertake general gardening duties around the Estate
* Maintaining the plants growing in the flower beds
* Liaising with staff to evaluate how the space is being used, share visitor feedback and explore ideas for further development
* Any other required responsibilities related to the role, as agreed between the volunteers/CEC
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| **Knowledge, Skills & Experience** | * Enjoyment and experience of gardening
* Interest in Edinburgh’s history
* Good communication skills
* Friendly personality
* Happy to work largely unsupervised
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| **Commitment** | As and when available |
| **Support & Training** | Staff and other Friends will provide support and supervision and will meet regularly. |
| **Expenses** | N/A |
| **Expectations** | * Be courteous to members of the public, other volunteers, and staff
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| **Location** | Lauriston Castle, 2a Cramond Road South, Edinburgh, EH4 5QD |