

ART GENE Landscape and Outdoor Work Placement Opportunity (DEADLINE EXTENDED)

Art Gene are looking for an enthusiastic and diligent person to work alongside us on the practical and outdoor elements of our programme as a Work Placement Volunteer. The role will be around 1 day per week on a voluntary basis, to support Art Gene's projects connecting communities with landscape.



Volunteers propagating Sea Thrift, part of Art Gene Re-wilding Barrow project.

What is involved?

The Work Placement Volunteer will work alongside Art Gene's Landscape Engagement Co-ordinator, Project Manager and Studio Assistant to deliver Art Gene's programme. You will have the opportunity to learn new skills within community growing, outdoor events, and landscape engagement.

You will be an integral part of the team, helping to deliver community workshops, maintaining the site at the Isle of Walney Community Growing Space - part of Art Gene's Allotment Soup project which engages volunteers and community gardeners in sustainable growing and creative engagement work- and be part of Art Gene's upcoming Extreme Views events.

This would be an ideal opportunity for a young person (aged 18–25) looking to gain experience of working with landscape and with the community, however is open to all who feel they could gain useful experience in this role. You will be required to work independently at times, using your own initiative. You will be given training in health and safety and aspects of sustainable gardening.

Tasks will include:

- Assisting with practical tasks such as wood working, planting, gardening and maintaining the Community Growing Space
- Assisting to photograph workshops/activities
- Assisting with the set-up and tidy-up of events
- Meeting and greeting the community at workshops/events
- Assisting to facilitate activities on the day
- Be willing to do tasks as required for projects



Volunteers at the Isle of Walney Community Growing Space

The ideal candidate will be:

- Practical, be handy with a drill and a hammer
- Enthusiastic and personable
- Willing to learn and get stuck in
- Interested in the community and local landscape
- Available to start the work placement in January 2020
- Be aged 18 years or above
- Be based in Barrow or Furness

How to apply:

To apply please send:

- a covering letter about why this opportunity appeals to you (no more than 1 page of A4) and
- your CV to:

Anna Litchfield anna.litchfield@art-gene.co.uk
Arts Project Manager

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS EXTENDED UNTIL 5th January 2020.

Interviews will be held in early January, and the work placement will take place over January – February to be arranged with the volunteer.

For an informal chat about the role please call Anna on 01229 825085.

About our current programme

Extreme Views is Art Gene's programme of community engaged research through outdoor public events, in partnership with the Islands and Bays of Barrow and Furness Coastal Community Team. The project builds on Art Gene's strategic vision for the Northwest, inviting locals and specialists into a conversation about their place, connecting communities with their landscape.

About Art Gene

Art Gene is an artist-led research and production company based in Barrow-in-Furness, working to regenerate the social, natural and built environment through an engaged visual arts practice, working collaboratively with communities, architects, and other professionals.
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