**Black Isle Brewery Allangrange Market Garden**

**Assistant Gardener Wanted**

**Overview**

The market garden is part of a wider range of enterprises at Old Allangrange, near Munlochy. We have a 130 acre organic farm with rare-breed Hebridean sheep but are best known for Black Isle Brewery, the only organic brewery in Scotland, Black Isle Bars in Inverness and Fort William and Black Isle Youth Hostel in Inverness. We are a B corps company and the health of the environment is integral to everything we do.

The market garden is closely connected to Black Isle Garden Design, with shared resources and on occasion shared personnel. Black Isle Garden Design, designs and instals gardens locally and nationally. Some plants are raised at Old Allangrange for these gardens. You would be joining a team of five people, our head grower, garden designer, assistant garden designer, senior ornamental horticulturist and office supporter. This year we will be hosting three horticultural interns who are coming to learn how to grow vegetables on a market garden scale. Local volunteers join us on Tuesdays to help wherever needed and leave with vegetables and beer. We also run a series of horticultural and land skill workshops,

The garden is separated into two distinct areas – the Triskele where your main area of operations would be and the ornamental garden around the house. Both gardens are run using agroecological, no-dig and permaculture methods to increase biodiversity and to support local flora and fauna. These principles extend to how we manage the farm.

On the farm we have reinstated a pond and made another, surrounded by pollen-rich willows and fruiting trees, to support wildfowl and other wetland species. A vigorous programme to plant hedgerows of mixed native trees is on-going, and many of the plants are raised from seeds and cuttings to encourage local genetic diversity.

The gardens are open to the public - as well as visitors to the brewery shop we host open days and regular garden tours.

**The Opportunity:**

We are looking for a dedicated, enthusiastic assistant gardener to work alongside the head grower, carrying out the day-to-day duties involved in running a busy market garden. a minimum of 1 years’ experience of market gardening is required.

The work includes, but is not limited to:

Propagation, pricking out, transplanting, planting
Harvesting and post-harvest handling
Weeding and hoeing
Watering

Soil Cultivation using no dig methods

Composting
Pruning
Polytunnel management and maintenance

Grass cutting using a variety of mowers, a strimmer and scythe
Compliance with Organic certification

At times helping the landscaping team with outside projects

Occasionally helping out on the farm

The right candidate will be:

Able to work outdoors, year-round, in all types of weather
Professional, collegial, flexible and patient
Capable of both working alone and in a team

Happy to work alongside volunteers and instruct them if necessary

Dedicated to growing organically, using regenerative methods
Able to communicate clearly in English, verbally and in writing
Able to use/maintain garden tools and keep them well organised

Be able to drive and have own transport

**Remuneration:**

**£25k - £27k**

Please send a CV and cover letter to

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