

# Viewfield Garden Collective

## Board Recruitment Pack



### OPPORTUNITY

Viewfield Garden Collective is seeking to recruit new trustees to join the board of the charity.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who would like to support the organisation's strategic development as we work towards a sustainable vision for the future.

This is a fulfilling role that, while seeking to make the most of your abilities, will also provide potential for personal and professional development. We welcome interest from individuals who bring different backgrounds, perspectives and experiences that reflect the diverse society living in Skye and Lochalsh.

### SKILLS, EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE

We are looking for skills, experience, or knowledge in any of the following areas:

- Finance, accounting and governance
- Trustee, charity or committee roles
- Leadership
- Horticulture, the environment and outdoor education
- Social enterprise, Third Sector and business
- Marketing and media/PR
- IT
- Fundraising, strategic planning and development
- Mental health and social care
- Problem-solving
- Human Resources

### ROLE REQUIREMENTS AND DUTIES

To become a trustee, you must be able to commit time and attention to organisational matters, and you will attend quarterly meetings and the AGM. Meetings normally take place locally in Portree but may be via videoconferencing (Zoom). There will be additional ad-hoc meetings and regular sub-committee meetings throughout the year.

You will need good written and verbal communication skills, and you will be computer-literate.

In addition, you will:

- Actively promote and advocate Viewfield Garden Collective's aims and objectives
- Participate, where appropriate, in events, fundraisers and social occasions
- Ensure that the charity complies with its legal and moral obligations
- Keep informed of the activities of the charity and wider issues affecting its work
- Participate in the PVG Disclosure Scheme.



## **INFORMATION ABOUT VIEWFIELD GARDEN COLLECTIVE**

### **We grow plants, and we help to grow people**

Viewfield Garden Collective is an organisation that provides and promotes therapeutic gardening for vulnerable and disadvantaged adults in Skye and Lochalsh. We use horticulture, creative arts, and the environment as a means to support and develop our volunteers, with a particular focus on helping those with mental health issues or disabilities. Our site is a large kitchen garden in the grounds of Viewfield House in Portree on the Isle of Skye.

### **Our Core Values**

- Education: we aim to provide a supportive working environment to offer training and development in horticulture for socially excluded individuals, particularly those experiencing mental health difficulties
- Citizenship and Community: we aim to promote citizenship and community development through actively restoring and maintaining the natural landscape, paths and garden for public use and enjoyment
- Health: we aim to improve the mental and physical health of our volunteers, staff, trustees, and community by encouraging therapeutic gardening, social interaction, and physical exercise
- Environment: we aim to protect our environment through developing sustainable working practices, continued restoration and maintenance of green spaces and promotion of ecological awareness.

Viewfield Garden Collective is a UK charity relying on income from our produce, public donations and grant funding to deliver our work.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Please use the form below, and email it to our Support Manager at [admin@viewfieldgardencollective.org](mailto:admin@viewfieldgardencollective.org). Alternatively, you can print off the form and post it to us at Viewfield Garden Collective, Viewfield Road, Portree, Isle of Skye IV51 9EU.

If you have any questions about the role, or to arrange an informal talk with one of our trustees, please email us on [admin@viewfieldgardencollective.org](mailto:admin@viewfieldgardencollective.org).

# Viewfield Garden Collective Trustee Expression of Interest Form



Name	
Address	
Phone number	
Email	

*Please tell us why you would like to become a trustee of Viewfield Garden Collective. Please include an outline of your skills, knowledge and experience, along with any additional information you would like to provide.*