

The World In A Garden

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Group Volunteer Guidelines

Your consideration to have your group volunteer with The World In A Garden is welcome and appreciated. Your group will learn, have fun and contribute to a project that builds healthy, culturally-enriched and environmentally-conscious communities.

We can accommodate large or small groups, generally from 5-30 people. Depending on the project, we prefer at least 2 weeks' notice in order to arrange supplies.

Objectives:

- To provide corporations with an opportunity to work as a group to make meaningful contributions to projects that benefit our local food system and the communities that make up that system.

Benefits to Participants:

- Satisfaction of contributing personally to the improvement of our urban landscape and the health of your community.
- Opportunity to use unique skills and talents in rewarding ways.
- Creating a sense of social commitment and responsibility.
- Opportunity to network and connect with the diverse group of individuals that make up Vancouver's local food community.
- Feel good! It's healthy to get your hands in the dirt!

Benefits to Corporate Organization:

- Demonstrates good corporate citizenship.
- Excellent opportunity for team building and leadership skill development.
- Boosts productivity and morale amongst employees.

Corporate Volunteers MUST:

- Arrive on time and complete required shift.
- Notify The World In A Garden as early as possible if unable to work. (Please try to keep to your scheduled session; no-shows and last-minute cancellations can have a big impact on our organization).
- Be open and willing to learn new things and work as a team.
- Provide a cell number where the main contact for the group can be reached.

Tasks will depend on the season, as well as on your group's specific interest but may include the following:

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- Planting year-round and seasonal crops
- Greenhouse maintenance
- Propagating new plants
- Planting seedlings
- Prepping garden beds
- Spreading soil / wood chips
- Watering existing crops
- Soil preparation / composting
- Weeding beds and/or pruning
- Carpentry and repairs

The World In A Garden will provide:

- A brief tour and orientation of the garden prior to the beginning of each volunteer session.
- Tools, supplies and on-site staff to co-ordinate the volunteer shift.

Participants should provide:

- Appropriate clothing for the weather conditions; volunteer activities often take place rain or shine.
- Appropriate shoes for working outside.
- Water and food
- Hard work!

If you're interested in having your group volunteer with The World In A Garden, please e-mail Joey at joey@theworldinagarden.com

We thank everyone who volunteers with The World In A Garden for helping us build a more just and local food system that benefits individuals from all communities.