

The World In A Garden

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Volunteer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Where are you located?

Our main garden site is located along the Arbutus Corridor in Kerrisdale, across from Choices Market. 1888 West 57th (at East Blvd.)
Vancouver, BC V6P 1T7

How do I become a volunteer?

The first step is to decide what volunteer opportunities you would like to take. Once you've chosen the opportunities that most interest you, contact Joey at joey@theworldinagarden.com. You're also welcome to show up for our **Drop-In Mondays** from 3:30-5:30pm.

What do I need to bring?

Sunscreen (we're in a very sunny spot!), a hat, a water bottle, work gloves (if you don't want to use ours), clothes that you don't mind getting a little dirty, rain gear and a smiling face!

Can I bring my kids?

Absolutely. We don't provide childcare, but the earlier kids get involved, the better. Our staff is experienced working with children and our garden is largely catered towards educating young people- there are always lots of fun things to do in the garden!

Can I volunteer if I'm learning English?

Yes! We often have volunteers join in that are just learning English. Volunteering in the garden is a great way to meet others and improve your language skills.

Can I bring my group/organization to volunteer with The World In A Garden?

We are happy to schedule a group volunteer session and garden tour with your community organization, business or corporate group. To learn more about the opportunities we offer please read the Volunteer Group Guidelines on our volunteer page.

Can I earn my community service hours with The World In A Garden?

Yes. We are happy to sign your forms and provide reference letters upon request detailing tasks and hours completed. Be sure that you sign in at each volunteer session so that we can log your hours.

Can you provide me with a letter of reference after volunteering with The World In A Garden?

Yes, we are happy to provide a letter of reference after 20 hours of volunteer service. Be sure that you sign in at each volunteer session so that we can log your hours.

What sort of training will I receive?

For our garden volunteer sessions and outreach events, most of the training takes place on-the-job. We'll provide an orientation to the site, a description of the planned activities and all necessary instructions for the tasks required.

For those involved in our youth education programs, we will have a sit-down meeting and consultation to review our requirements and your past experience. We will follow up with an orientation and shadowing sessions where you will see how our programs run and learn how they are executed.

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What kind of commitment is required?

This depends on the volunteer program. We appreciate a weekly commitment of at least 2 hours so that you are familiar with our project and garden, but we understand that busy schedules and unexpected events can make this difficult sometimes.

What does The World In A Garden expect of its volunteers?

We ask that volunteers be helpful, cooperative and friendly representatives of The World In A Garden. We appreciate punctuality and ask that you notify us in the event that you're unable to attend a volunteer session you've signed up for. You will be expected to uphold our commitment to respect and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and identities.

What can I expect of The World In A Garden as a volunteer?

In return for helping us at The World In A Garden, you will be granted learning opportunities, with training and support offered by staff and volunteers. You can also expect to be provided with a safe, open and welcoming working environment. Community events provide you with opportunities to network with people deeply engaged in the local food movement. You will benefit from our Volunteer Rewards Program, which invites you to volunteer appreciation music nights and potlucks and gives you chances to win free workshops and merchandise from The World In A Garden.

I have a question that isn't on this list!

No worries – drop us a line: joey@theworldinagarden.com