Horticultural Events and Competitions Volunteer Role Description

Role Title	Horticultural Events and Competitions Volunteer
Department	Horticulture
Location	RHS Garden Wisley, Wisley, Woking GU23 6QB
Volunteer Supervisor	Francisca Fuentes Rettig (Horticultural Programming Coordinator)
Senior/Other Contacts	Karly Jenkins (Volunteer Manager)

What will the Horticultural Events and Competitions Volunteer do?
You will support the Horticultural Programming Coordinator with running Plant Society shows on the day of the show. This includes the National Dahlia Society Show (part of Wisley Flower Show) and assisting the Horticultural Competitions Manager with stewarding and administering RHS competitions.

What's involved?

- Under supervision, you will support with getting vehicles on and off site, following on-site procedures.
- Help the exhibitors set up as required and offer advice about staging (or refer competitors to the RHS Handbook (copies supplied)
- Engage with members of the public, answering enquiries and signposting as appropriate.
- Provide help to exhibitors with location of facilities etc in the event space.
- Support with moving trolleys of furniture to and from storage.
- Becoming familiar with, and then following, RHS Health and Safety Policy at all times.
- Where necessary, referring problems or queries to the Horticultural Programming Coordinator.

This role will suit people who…

- Enjoy working with the public and are pro-active about engaging with people.
- Have an interest in horticulture with some knowledge of the RHS Garden Wisley and the charitable work of the RHS.
- Are interested in meeting and helping members from a wide variety of plant societies and horticultural groups with their shows and events.
- Happy to work as part of a team or independently

What's in it for you?

- Make an important contribution to the success of specialist plant shows.
- Gain experience to add to your CV.
- Broaden your network of horticultural contacts.

- Meet like-minded people and be part of an enthusiastic team.
- Learn more about the RHS charity and how to get involved. This includes opportunities to support on-site events.

Additional Information

- We are looking for volunteers to participate on an ad-hoc basis when needed for events. It will often involve early weekend shifts, Saturday or Sunday early evenings. Shows take place approximately 8 times a year.
- You will be given training in the tasks that you are asked to carry out, as well as being provided with a comprehensive Volunteer Handbook and Health & Safety training appropriate to the activities you will be undertaking.
- You will complete mandatory GDPR training
- You will be on duty with a member of the Horticultural team who will provide you with all the relevant information and support needed.

The Next Step

If you are interested in applying for this role, please complete the online application process, the link to which can be found on the volunteer advert web page. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Francisca Fuentes Rettig FranciscaFuentes@rhs.org.uk