

‘The Drying Green’ Gardening Project Co-ordinator

Organisation

Saline and Steelend Environment Group (SSEG)

Closing date

Friday 23rd October 2026

Salary

£17.85 per hour, paid on a freelance / self-employed basis

Type of contract

Freelance / self-employed

Hours

12-14 hours per week (flexible days) over five months (from 1st November 2026 to 31st March 2026).

Address

‘The Drying Green’ Community Garden, 28-30 Main Street, Saline, Fife, KY12 9TL.

Job description

The successful candidate will be an experienced social gardener who’ll work with Saline and Steelend Environment Group (SSEG), in partnership with [Adelphe Connect](#), to create a Climate Ready Garden. Main duties will include:

1. Community & Volunteer Coordination

- Working alone and/or with volunteers to maintain and improve all aspects of the community garden, such as planting, composting, and general upkeep.

2. Community & Volunteer Coordination

- Recruit, coordinate, and supervise local volunteers for non-specialist construction, planting, and upkeep.
- Act as the main link with the local community, creating publicity materials when necessary.
- Organise community training sessions on sustainable topics like organic growing, permaculture techniques, and climate adaptation methods.

3. Ecological & Climate-Resilient Planning

- Oversee the installation of rainwater harvesting, sustainable drainage networks, and rain gardens to prevent flooding.
- Plan for successional and layered planting using native, drought-tolerant, and heat-resistant crops to support local wildlife.
- Integrate willow structures to keep the garden cool during hot weather.

The 12-14 hours per week will be structured according to the number and duration of workshops and will require some weekend hours.

Person specification

We're looking for a passionate, friendly gardener who can enthuse absolute beginners and be a good team player.

You will have working knowledge of horticulture, in particular permaculture, and climate adaptive methods.

You will have excellent communication skills and be confident leading small workshops.

'The Drying Green' community garden is a volunteer-led project in collaboration with Saline and Steelend Environment Group (SSEG. [Saline and Steelend Community Development Trust](#) has a Memorandum of Understanding with SSEG, who have exciting plans for the garden, aiming to connect local people, young and old, with nature and one another). We are planning to welcome volunteers from [Adelphe Connect](#) – a voluntary organisation that runs community projects to improve the wellbeing of women – to the garden as part of this project.

This position is funded by [Fife Communities Climate Action Network](#).

How to apply

To apply, please send your C.V. to SSEG2026@outlook.com along with a covering letter setting out the experience and skills you can bring to our growing organisation.

For further information see the [Saline and Steelend Environment Facebook page](#) and [Saline and Steelend Development Trust website](#).