

## **Urban Green Newcastle**

### **Background Information**

#### **Who is Urban Green Newcastle?**

Urban Green Newcastle is an independent charity responsible for the management, maintenance, restoration, development and protection of 33 parks and 61 allotment sites in Newcastle upon Tyne.

One of the first organisations of our kind in the country, we represent a new approach to securing the future of green spaces.

#### **Why was Urban Green Newcastle formed?**

Spending on parks, allotments and green spaces across the country had hit an all time low. In Newcastle upon Tyne, Council spending reduced by 90% over seven years. It was clear a new approach was needed to secure the future of Newcastle's open spaces.

Newcastle City Council, working in partnership with National Trust and National Lottery Heritage Fund, carried out an extensive consultation exercise and developed an outline business plan for a new independent charity to manage, maintain, restore, develop and protect the city's parks and allotments. Urban Green Newcastle was formed in April 2019.

#### **What does Urban Green Newcastle do?**

We breathe life into Newcastle's parks and allotments, connect people to nature, and improve the health and wellbeing of all families and communities in Newcastle by providing safe and well maintained parks and allotments.

We will:

- Help more people from a wide range of backgrounds to enjoy our beautiful and vibrant open spaces, which will always be free to access and enjoy.
- Invest to ensure our parks and allotments are safe and welcoming, that they are clean and well maintained open spaces.
- Deliver exciting events, including arts, cultural and educational activities; as well as opportunities for sport, exercise and play in the city's parks and allotments.
- Encourage local people to be connected to and committed to our parks and allotments. We'll provide opportunities for people to come together, get involved and feel proud of their green spaces.
- Ensure our wide range of trusted partners continue to value our parks and allotments and are committed to helping invest in our spaces.

Our long-term targets are ambitious. Working with the people of Newcastle we will:

- Increase annual visitor numbers across by improving and enhancing the visitor experience.
- Increase the number of trees on our estate.
- Boost the number of volunteering hours in our parks and allotments.
- Work toward all our parks having Green Flag awards.
- Increase the value our spaces contribute to the health and wellbeing of the people of Newcastle by proactively promoting new activities and opportunities.
- Aim to be carbon negative by removing more carbon from the atmosphere than our activities create, to positively address the climate change emergency.

## **How will Urban Green Newcastle achieve this?**

By getting the basics right – improving the management and maintenance of Newcastle’s parks and allotments.

Programming a range of exciting events; arts, cultural and educational activities, as well as opportunities for sport, exercise and play in the city’s parks and allotments giving local communities the chance to pursue their own ideas, come together and enjoy where they live. Events, activities and performances will bring new visitors to Newcastle’s shared spaces and encourage more people to access and enjoy the city’s parks and allotments.

Working in partnership with the people of Newcastle and beyond, to make sure our parks are easy to use and welcoming, our allotments are promoted and celebrated.

Collaborating. Our doors are always open to anyone that wants to contribute to the future of our parks and allotments

Ensuring all income generated is reinvested into our green spaces, so they stay beautiful, open and entrance to parks remains free for everyone.

Where we’re based:

**Urban Green Newcastle  
Ouseburn Parks Visitor Centre  
Red Walk  
Jesmond Dene  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE7 7BQ**

Hours of work:

- We work 37 hours per week and operate a flexible working system.

Holidays:

- Urban Green Newcastle staff are entitled to 25 days annual leave per annum plus Bank Holidays. The annual leave year runs from 1 April to 31 March.

Pension:

- Urban Green Newcastle contributes 3% and staff contribute 5% towards a company pension scheme.

Completing the Application Form:

- Complete the form as clearly as possible in black ink or type.
- Use the job description included in the application pack to tell us how you meet the qualifications, skills and experience required to do the job.
- Tell us about the qualifications and courses you have attended that are relevant to the job.
- Make sure that you complete the application form as fully as possible, failure to do so may mean that we are unable to shortlist your application.

Please note that we do not accept CV's.

Completing the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form:

- This sheet will be separated from the main application form before the shortlist is compiled. It is only used for monitoring our Equal Opportunities Policy.

### **Returning your completed form**

Send your completed application form by email to:

[Recruitment@urbangreennewcastle.org](mailto:Recruitment@urbangreennewcastle.org)

Or by post to;

Beth Driscoll  
Urban Green Newcastle  
Ouseburn Parks Visitor Centre  
Red Walk  
Jesmond Dene  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE7 7BQ

If you are returning your application form by post, please ensure that you pay sufficient postage to cover the return of your application form. A standard 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp will not be sufficient.