



## Advertisement

Title: Orchard & Nursery Assistant

Reporting to: Orchard Co-ordinator

Hours: 28 Hours (4 days, 9 am-5 pm) Tues – Friday

Term: 6 months (mid-June to mid-December) - This role may be extended to a longer term subject to funding.

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### Who We Are

Irish Seed Savers Association CLG have been in operation since 1991, focusing on conserving and preserving heritage rare heirloom and heritage seeds and fruit trees to protect Ireland's long-term food sovereignty in this ever changing climate. Located in Scarriff, in Co. Clare, we run a 20 acre organic farm containing gardens, orchards, nursery and the country's public seed bank.

### What We Do

Our work involves growing produce for seeds, curating the country's heritage apple tree collection: conservation and preservation in our live seed bank; research on native and heritage seeds and fruit trees; making these seeds and trees available to the public at large to continue on this growing and preserving cycle; and educating and raising awareness on the importance of protecting our food sovereignty.

### Purpose of the Job:

We require an Orchard and Nursery Assistant to assist our Orchard-Nursery team in curating the heritage apple tree collection; maintaining the land; supporting in the full cycle for tree sales and also for juicing. Working as part of a three strong team, the Orchard and Nursery Assistant will contribute to the important work in protecting our heritage trees. Reporting to the Nursery Co-ordinator for this six month period, the Orchard and Nursery Assistant must have a full driving licence; be fluent in English, be computer literate, and have experience with operating and maintaining farm machinery. This is an exciting opportunity for those eager to learn the various skills needed for a nursery and orchard.

The main function of the role will include:

- Work in conservation orchards: Fruit tree maintenance & propagation:
- Pruning, Grafting (training to be provided: no experience necessary)
- Grounds keeping, soil improvement, disease control, record keeping
- Fruit picking and display, variety observations and records
- Machinery operation (grass cutting, hedge trimming, tractor, etc)
- DIY (fencing; basic maintenance of equipment, fixtures, irrigation)
- Customer care (tours, events, visitors, phone/email correspondence)

Key skills required for this role are as follows:

- Energetic and interested in conservation
- Horticulture certification preferable
- Experience in gardening or farming
- Ability for outdoor physical work
- Experience operating and maintaining garden/farm machinery
- Full Driving License
- Fluent in English
- Computer skills (Word, Excel, internet, email)

Tasks maybe assigned which are outside of the above expectations, as per the requirements of your supervisor, and the Organisation.

The successful candidate is expected to be a team player as well as have the ability to work on their own initiative.

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For further information or to apply please email your application through to [manager@irishseedsavers.ie](mailto:manager@irishseedsavers.ie)  
**Deadline for application is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June @ 5pm.**

Irish Seed Savers is a conservation non-profit enterprise, Charity Number 13989. For information on our work and to get involved please go to <http://www.irishseedsavers.ie>