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**National Trust Volunteers needed for the new season at  
Glendurgan Garden**

The National Trust team at Glendurgan Garden are looking for new volunteers to help look after this much loved historic and exotic wooded valley garden near Falmouth.

The charity is hosting a volunteer open day on Monday 26 February where anyone interested in getting involved can meet the team and find out more about what it's like to volunteer at Glendurgan. Places must be booked in advance at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/glendurgan-garden](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/glendurgan-garden) or by phoning 0344 249 1895.

There are a variety of engaging and meaningful roles available including the opportunity to volunteer in the charming hamlet of Durgan on the Helford River at the bottom of the garden. Run by a team of over 30 enthusiastic volunteers on a rota basis, the old Fish Cellar is a place to welcome and engage with visitors who stop by for a chat and sell ice cream. This role is a customer-facing role, helping tell the story of Glendurgan Garden and the North Helford and what the National Trust looks after.

Another way to get involved is by joining the new nature engagement team. Tucked away in a secluded part of the garden sits Glendurgan's little-known apple orchard and Apple Shed, full of nature-based activities. The role will involve leading on visitor activities focused on the natural world and creativity, inspired by the beautiful surroundings at Glendurgan.

Tony Finnigan, Site Manager for the National Trust at Glendurgan says 'Volunteering is a rewarding experience and great way to support the National Trust, while also spending time in amazing places and making new friends.'

'The garden at Glendurgan is a beautiful place to spend time and the volunteers really bring the place to life for visitors. It is always an exciting time for us when we welcome new volunteers and meet the people that will help us continue to share the stories of Glendurgan. If you love meeting people, are passionate about local history, or want to make some new friends, please come along to the open day or get in touch with the team.'

The Volunteer Open Day at Glendurgan will be split into two sessions; 10am – 12pm and 2pm – 4pm. Each session will include a guided walk around the steep garden (please get in touch with the team before the day if you have any concerns about this).

There is no minimum time expected of National Trust volunteers, however roles benefit from regular involvement (e.g. one shift a week) and shifts are normally 3 hours in length. All volunteers receive an induction so they feel confident in their role.

Find out more and book your place at the open day at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/glendurgan-garden](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/glendurgan-garden) or by phoning 0344 249 1895.

Glendurgan Garden re-opens to the public on Saturday 10 February 2024 and will then be open from Tuesdays to Sundays, 10.30am to 5.00pm.

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More information on Glendurgan can be found on the website: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/glendurgan](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/glendurgan), Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/NTGlendurganNorthHelford>

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