

Graduate Trainee



£8.45 per hour

Maelor Forest Nurseries Limited is an independent company and one of the largest forest nurseries in Europe. We produce planting stock primarily for forest use and operate on a 175 hectare site located just inside Wales, on the Wales/Shropshire border. We are committed to tree breeding, being founder members of the Conifer Breeding Co-Operative and members of the Future Trees Trust.

The Graduate Trainee will gain experience and be trained in all areas of nursery production, with a view to specialising in one area.

Tasks and responsibilities to include:

Crop husbandry:

- Weed control – hand weeding and pesticides, weed identification
- Crop walking – learn to identify pest/disease problems, weed ID
- Trials – pesticide safety to crops, hylobius weevil control
- Root electrolyte leakage testing – to determine dormancy of trees

Seed department:

- Seed treatments – stratification regimes
- Germination testing – use of plant growth cabinet
- Seed sowing – using specialised equipment for field scale sowing
- Seedbed husbandry – checking emergence densities
- Pollinations – controlled cross pollinations on our seed orchards

Protected crops:

- Vegetative propagation – taking and rooting of spruce cuttings
- Grafting – for seed orchard and clone bank creation
- Container plants – including alternative species trials
- Crop protection – identifying and controlling plant health issues

Operations:

- Grading – controlling quality in the grading process
- Despatch – preparing deliveries to our customers

The Graduate Trainee will be expected to supervise small teams of staff.

This is a hands-on role requiring a positive 'can do' attitude, excellent attention to detail and a commitment to constant improvement. We offer a competitive employment package and support personal development.

Please apply by e-mail to chardy@maelor.co.uk enclosing a current CV and covering letter detailing why you would be successful in this role.

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