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Compass Project Newsletter



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Farewell Svetislav!

Our Outdoor Areas Manager, Svetislav Kondic, will be leaving Compass to return home to Serbia in June. We are very sad to see him go. Slav has made a significant contribution to Compass since he began work in November. His design for the community garden layout which, along with our volunteers, he has recently completed, will be a lasting and growing legacy of his time with us.

We are HIRING!

To take over from Slav, we are looking to appoint a **Head Gardener / Outdoor Areas Manager** for our National Lottery Community Funded 2.5 year post and invite interested participants to get in touch with us for an application pack.



The role involves **care for all aspects of the 4.1 acres outdoor site**, including its mixed woodland. **Gardening / horticultural / agricultural experience** is required and **experience of beekeeping** is highly desirable. Ability to forward plan with regards to planting and land management is essential as is ability to operate a range of appropriate land management power tools. The deadline for applications is **Friday 3rd June 2022**.

We are also looking for a **Project Manager** to drive the Compass project forward with its growing team. Details of this additional vacancy will be released shortly; keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for more information.

Bees & Worms

We are pleased to report that Compass' **first bee hive is doing well** having established itself in its new location. The hive has been placed well away from the public route through the site so there should be no disruption when walking on the core path. We look forward to sharing some Compass honey with you later this year.



Our Clinical Lead, Dr Stefan Geider, pictured left, has also introduced a **wormery** to the Compass site to support the project's **biodynamic, organic growing** principles.

The worms work across a number of layers inside the barrel to **breakdown the food waste and leaves** we add to it. This **generates compost** for volunteers to use onsite **returning nutrients** to the soil. A **liquid fertiliser** is also produced on the bottom layer which we can collect by tap. This liquid, when diluted with water, creates the perfect **natural feed** for our plants. Can you spot the green wormery onsite?

WANTED: Water Collection Containers

We are on the hunt for any **large, clean barrels** to assist us with **rainwater collection** this summer and beyond. If you have any large containers, including IBCs, that you would be happy to donate to Compass, please get in touch and we can arrange to uplift from you! Email: compass@cwt.scot



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Buildings

- **Main Building:** We still need help to **sort moveable indoor items** for reuse or recycle. Can you help? Get in touch on: compass@cwt.scot
- **Multi-Purpose Hall:** Finalising of plans has taken longer than anticipated and we are now looking at June to appoint a main contractor. We continue to work towards an Autumn 2022 opening.
- **Kindergarten / Science Block:** Help is required to **strip out damaged plasterboard and fittings** so that refurbishment plans can progress. Can you help? Get in touch on: compass@cwt.scot

Outdoor Spaces

- **Our Orchard:** Thanks to our recent corporate volunteers joining us onsite mid-week, we have now planted the **apple and pear trees** donated to Compass by the Aberdeenshire project 'Social Juice'. Our community orchard also extends along the south-facing wall with espalier and cordon varieties too.
- **What's Growing at Compass:** Svetislav has been busy creating a central herb area in Compass' community garden complete with a beautiful dry stone wall feature. Our volunteers have helped plant these with **lavender, rosemary, thyme** and more whilst also filling the no-dig beds with **potatoes, strawberries** and remaining fruit bushes. CWT Admin staff have also joined the team onsite to help with the next round of **seed planting**, their productive afternoon is pictured to the right.



Volunteers

- **Corporate Support:** As a community enterprise, Compass is **happy to facilitate group 'away days'** for businesses who are interested in helping a local project move forward. This month, we welcomed **over 50 volunteers** from **TMM Recruitment** and **Ryden LLP** and the difference both groups made to the site was superb! From planting to compost and leaf bin construction, tidied paths to painted plant markers, the activities delivered a successful team-building event for all:



- **Local support:** We've now reached an incredible **2809 hours** of time donated to the project from the support of **227 volunteers** - a big thank-you to all!
- **Engaging the Local Community:** The **Compass Steering Group** held a **successful first meeting** in May sharing lots of ideas on how to move Compass forward. The next meeting will be onsite in June with a walk-through the full site including its buildings to discuss its potential.
- **Volunteer days:**

Week Days: We offer regular **week day opportunities** to volunteer at Compass:
Wednesday afternoon: 1.30pm - 4pm | Thursday morning: 9.30am - 12noon
 Let us know you are coming: compass@cwt.scot - we can let you know the tasks!

Saturdays: Our next date has been set for **Saturday 11th June 2022!** Come and help us!
 You can also learn more about the project in our breaktime **'Focus on Compass'** talk.

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Fundraising

Phase 1: achieved £200,000

Phase 2: ends September 2023 | Current amount raised: £500,763 | Target: £800,000

- **Phase 2 Funding:** Our next fundraising goal is to raise **£800,000** by September 2023. We have **raised an incredible £500,763*** so far thanks to the support of grants and an anonymous donor. [**figure does not include lottery funding of £150,000 over three years*]



Donate now!

- **Can you help?** Our online fundraising page is live! **Donate online** through our **LocalGiving campaign page** or by cheque to: Compass Project, Camphill Wellbeing Trust, St Devenicks, Murtle Estate, Bieldside, Aberdeen, AB15 9EN.
- **Grant Awards:** Compass are delighted to have been awarded a further **£10,000** towards the installation of a **Zero Waste Kitchen** from the **NHS Endowment Fund** to help utilise the food generated from our community garden.
- **Support us when you shop at the Co-op!** Remember to **choose Compass** as your **Co-op cause** to help raise money for a **shed with composting toilet** for our **therapeutic gardening project** and **volunteers**. **Find out how:** <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/61982>



PR

- **Gardening Videos:** We plan to start recording short videos full of hints & tips for gardening at home. If there's anything you'd like to learn about, please let us know by emailing: compass@cwt.scot
- **Website:** Find the latest updates at www.camphillwellbeing.org.uk/compass including our **Photo Gallery**.
- **Next steps:** We are always interested in opportunities to raise the profile of the project. If you or any contacts you have would like to get involved, please let us know.

Upcoming Events

- **Our next volunteer event is: Saturday 11th June 2022: 9.30am - 4pm**

We have **toilet facilities** and **indoor shelter** for volunteers along with a range of indoor activities should the weather be unsuitable for outdoor work.

Remember to **bring cash** if you'd like to take home any **Compass items**. We will have Compass trees, bushes and firewood available on a donation basis.

Focus on Compass: Learn more about the project and its developments during our break-time at around 11am on Saturday. Free **Weleda body care samples** and **Deeside Water** will also be available to keep our volunteers refreshed. Events are in line with current COVID guidelines.

Weekday Volunteering: Come along on a **Wednesday afternoon (1.30pm - 4pm)** and / or **Thursday morning (9.30am - 12noon)**. Just let us know you are coming! compass@cwt.scot

- Sign up as a volunteer using our [online form](#) to receive email reminders of upcoming events and future dates!

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