Horticultural Careers Day 2026

Wednesday 18 November at
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE)

A day of seminars by a range of horticulturists, covering a broad variety of topical subjects. Aimed at anybody who is interested in a career, or further developing their career in horticulture.

10:00 – 10:30	**Registration for Lectures**	

10:30-10:35	**Morning Session Chair – David Knott**	Director of Horticulture, RBGE Chair of Scottish Branch Chartered Institute of Horticulture
10:35-10:40	**Welcome – Professor Julia Knights**	Regius Keeper, The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
10:40-11:05	**Luke Coleman - Learning from Wild Places**	RHS Young Designer of the Year 2025
11:05-11:30	**Lucy Hutchings – She Grows Veg**	Co-Founder, She Grows Veg Heirloom Seeds
New Horticulturists – Chair Brian Cunningham		
11:30-12:00	Panel of 3 new horticulturists – - **Daniel Batie – RBGE** - **Stella Jardine – Historic Environment Scotland** - **Aston MacRae – The MacRobert Trust**	Short presentations followed by questions. Panel will also be available to speak to students at lunchtime.

12:00-13:35	Lunch	**Fletcher Building**

Afternoon Session Chair – Sarah Cathcart		
13:35-14:05	**Andrew Fisher Tomlin** **Planting with purpose: crafting a career in plants**	Internationally acclaimed garden designer, co-founder of the London College of Garden Design and author
14:05-14:35	**James Alexander-Sinclair** **Three Gardens that Changed my Life**	Award winning garden designer, writer and broadcaster, RHS Vice President
14:35-14:50	**Questions and conference close**	