

Joseph Hooker's Director

Joseph Hooker hooks the job, he is now director at Kew Gardens.

Joseph Hooker was born-and-bred in 1817. His father (who is Sir William Jackson Hooker) was the previous director at Kew G. Hooker followed his father's footsteps at seven. He used classification to order plants, such as the rhododendron. He is a botanist/scientist and is the first official director at Kew G after his father. Although he is director at Kew Gardens, he will continue pioneering to different countries such as: Morocco, India; Japan, New Zealand and Antarctic.

His first career was an assistant in the Royal Navy. He was accustomed to voyaging because of his father's scientific off-shore work. On one of his expeditions to India, he got arrested by the Rajah.

There are many types of plants at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, Joseph Hooker, who is a botanist, brought new species back to the UK, such as: the rhododendron, which is big and fluffy; orchids and more. If you could find the time to visit Kew Gardens and possibly meet Joseph Hooker, please do.