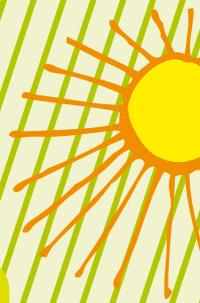




The Dublin Guide to
COMMUNITY GARDENING

2014 EDITION





 Find a suitable site

Who owns it?



Privately Owned

Dublin City Council

Find out if they'll let you use the land



Lease / Licence

Lobby Local Councillors



You can use the land

Get the site assessed by the City Council's Parks Department



Advertise for volunteers

Get Started

Find out if the local community will agree, canvas all houses in the immediate area



Form a local committee

Get public liability insurance



Foreword



A garden is a wonderful thing. And gardeners, generally speaking, are wonderful people. But Community Gardeners are a completely different basket of cabbages.

Think of what is needed. Not just the enthusiasm and dedication of the ordinary, everyday gardener. (Nothing ordinary or everyday about any gardener I've ever known.)

Not just a knowledge of soil, of trees and plants, fruit and vegetables; of climatic conditions and local wildlife, of fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides, herbicides and parasites (of all sorts and species) but also of bye-laws and licences, health and safety, the dreaded insurance and worst of all good money management. And the ability to lay a path, build a shed or construct a drainage scheme will not go amiss.

You need a willingness to work co-operatively with others who may know a lot less than you, or even worse, who may know a lot more! You need to build relationships with the Local Authority and maybe even the local police. You will need to venture out in all weather and be ready for rain, sleet, snow and even blazing sun, and be not afraid of drought or deluge. You will want to be as "green" as you can for the sake of the planet and for your own sake you will need to repel marauders and watch for attack from everything under the sun which wants to infest, cling, eat or steal your produce.

This is gardening for the brave. This is gardening as an adventure. And what an adventure Dublin Community Gardening has been since it began. These are no ordinary people. They are pioneers and I am honoured to salute them and their achievements.

Patricia Oliver, Director, An Taisce Education

Introduction



Within Dublin community gardening projects are now being recognised for their contribution towards peoples' quality of life, as much as for the more traditional role of urban growing being for the provision of food. The relatively recent preoccupation with private property development had overshadowed community gardening opportunities within urban Dublin, as indeed it overshadowed many other important elements of urban life. However this rather unbalanced approach to development has in turn acted to increase the need and demand for community gardening projects in the city. The Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area 2004-2016 called for an increase in overall density of development, to create a more compact urban form. By necessity, this leads to many more people living within the city without the luxury of their own private garden. We see this already with many thousands of people living their lives in apartment complexes. There is nothing wrong with living in an apartment, but it can mean that the purchasing of seeds and plants, and visits to garden centres are rendered largely pointless. To many people this is no great loss, but for others who have an affinity for nature, gardening, or who just enjoy being outside in the sunshine, it does leave a very real gap in their lifestyle. Consequently if we are going to accept that there is a need for a more urbanised lifestyle in the future, then this urban life has to be more attractive in order for people to buy into it. Partly because of a community garden's ability to build "community" through cooperation, community garden projects can contribute greatly to urban quality of life, sometimes in unexpected ways. Their contribution towards community interaction is strengthened by community gardening's inclusivity. Indeed gardening is one of the few activities that people from all walks of life engage in.

However simply acknowledging the benefits of having a community garden within your neighbourhood is only the start of a lot of work that will probably be required before such an asset can be actualised. For this reason it was necessary to write the first edition of the Dublin Guide to Community Gardening back in 2009. Back in 2009 I was aware that a modest number of community gardens around Dublin had succeeded against all odds in creating and maintaining community gardens upon

unused sites from at least 2004 onwards. This was no easy task, and not only had they achieved something worthy of recognition, but those involved in these pioneer community gardens had also learned a lot of hard won lessons along the way. It seemed that there was a need for a publication that could pool this information into a single accessible resource that could be made freely available to the public. For this reason the Dublin Guide to Community Gardening was created, and well received. Much has changed over the course of the four years since the first edition of the guide was published. There is now a very impressive community gardening movement up and running in Dublin. In the last year alone these gardens have attracted attention from as far away as Western Australia (ABC News), have been used as a case study at European Cooperation in Science and Technology seminars in Sweden and elsewhere, and their volunteers have been asked to speak at study visits to the European Parliament. From the two or three community gardens that could be found struggling for permission to exist in Dublin, back in 2004, we now see around 40 of these urban growing initiatives blossoming across Dublin on a variety of public and private sites.

For those wishing to set up a new community garden within their own neighbourhoods I hope that this guide will help provide the answers to some questions, and the contact details of where the answers to other questions may also be found. Some additional advice would be to find your champions within the local authority, particularly if you have identified a suitable site that is located upon public land. An obvious first point of contact is the local Community Development Office, as the mandate of these local authority departments is partly delivered by the introduction of such community initiatives as a community garden. The local Parks and Recreational Services depot or office are also worth contacting. Many parks staff have an interest in urban agriculture, and the local parks depot maybe able to assist with the provision of spare resources. Finally I would advise all would be community gardeners to become aware of the support that the local authority assigns towards community gardening initiatives. All four Dublin local authorities now have a policy within their development plans to support or assist the introduction of community gardens. Seek it out online, and refer to it when in discussion with the local authority or other land owner.

I wish you every success in your community gardening endeavour, and may your gardens inspire others.

By Robert Moss, Environmental Focus Group Chairman

The infographic features a central orange circle with the text 'THE BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY GARDENING'. Surrounding this central circle are ten other circles of various colors (brown, green, yellow, blue) containing different benefits. The background is light blue with diagonal white lines and scattered small white and colored dots.

THE BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY GARDENING

Community Safety

Community Satisfaction

Community Health

Community Facilities

Community Ownership & Identity

Resource Conservation

Community Appearance

Community Development

Community Urban Green Spaces

Biodiversity Enhancement

Community Play

Community Learning Opportunities

The Benefits of Community Gardening

The contribution of community gardening towards **Community Safety** is primarily a function of increased cooperation, part of which manifests as observation by participants, for the welfare of both the garden and its other participants. This is appreciated by Dublin community garden participants who have stated that there is the safety factor of reduced burglary in the vicinity of the garden.

“With our community garden the whole area is cleaner, and there is less opportunity for vandalism and littering. I am picking up litter, and so because litter is not visible then it is not seen as a site to be littered. Occasionally litter is left, but overall the space livens up the area. It is not a destination for rubbish or vandalism.”

(Bill Fine, South Circular Road Community Garden, 2009)

There is a **Community Health** dividend through participation by increased exercise, and access to fresh vegetables. However some groups may benefit from what is termed horticultural therapy more than others.

“Community gardening is hugely therapeutic for people who possibly have a mental or physical disability, or who are older.”

(Kaethe Burt-O’Dea, Sitric Road Community Compost Garden, 2009)

Horticultural therapy has been described as being able to “raise knowledge, motivation, confidence, satisfaction, and physical coordination levels in those seeking rehabilitation”. Horticultural therapy has been facilitated by South Dublin County Council at a sensory community garden within Corkagh Park, Tallaght.

“We have a connection with a group called Menni Services, they provide services for children with special needs in the Tallaght area. So they were looking for a space to be developed firstly for a sensory garden, and secondary to provide horticultural therapy for these children during the day, and it’s within easy reach of our base.”

(Bill Kearney, South Dublin Council, 2009)

Community Facilities are provided by community gardens in a number of ways. They provide a learning resource, and often make use of composting as a mechanism for recycling organic waste. Their most important contribution towards quality of life though is as a leisure facility. People do not volunteer their time freely, unless they enjoy the activity.

Community gardens also contribute to quality of life by increasing the **Community Desirability, and Satisfaction** of a location. This can be by providing a local amenity, while at the same time improving the appearance of a location, and consequently leading to increased community pride. Eileen Kenny described how Greenhills Community Garden won an award from South Dublin County Council:

“We won South Dublin County Council individual category last year. That was nice, something nice for the community.”

(Eileen Kenny, Greenhills Community Garden, 2009)

The **Community Appearance** is improved by installing community gardens on unused or derelict land, as was the case at Greenhills, and Shanganagh Community Gardens. Eileen Kenny has described the unsatisfactory condition of the Greenhills site prior to the creation of Greenhills Community Garden.

“The people that lived adjacent to it were sick of it. It was an eyesore, it was rat infested, it was a dumping ground.”

(Eileen Kenny, Greenhills Community Garden, 2009)

When looking after a community garden it creates social responsibility amongst the participants when they have to cooperate on such a project. **Community Ownership and Identity** comes through active participation in your own environment, rather than being the recipient of services delivered by the local authority. Anne Traynor has been involved in multiple estate gardening projects at Shanganagh Estate that seek to develop a sense of ownership, and community pride amongst the youth of the estate. Discussing the thinking behind the former Shanganagh Community Garden, she comments that:

“It was initiated to improve ownership for the young people so that they would have a little bit of respect, and a little bit of ownership of the area they lived in.”

(Anne Traynor, Shanganagh Community Development Project, 2009).

During play children develop their abilities physically, emotionally, socially and creatively, as well as intellectually. There are endless adventures available in a place like a mature garden, a natural play area, or community garden. These encourage so many learning opportunities that children will choose it above many other places more normally considered for play. There are fewer wild places for children to play in nowadays. Most of the spaces nearby are, like the greens in estates, usually flat grassy featureless surfaces that do not encourage free imaginative or creative play. There are elements that could be used by most communities to develop a play space out of a boring flat piece of ground. These might include a selection of plants that could introduce colour and texture, attract butterflies or birds, and even provide edible berries. Young people need to be included too! They will add lots of great ideas!

Community gardening provides a huge **Learning Opportunity**. The act of gardening provides direct learning of horticultural skills, but of perhaps much greater value in an urban setting, are the social skills and social networking opportunities that such an activity can provide. Furthermore, even if participants have no immediate interest in the natural environment they are going to absorb knowledge of the processes in nature from their surroundings, during the course of gardening. It would be a mistake to dismiss the contribution of these relatively tiny urban social projects, towards global issues, because of their potential to educate all sectors of society. As pointed out by Gerry Clabby of Fingal County Council, if people are not enabled to appreciate nature and biodiversity within their own neighbourhood, then they cannot be expected to have any concern for wider global environmental concerns.

“To me the engagement of people with these issues is as much about empathy with the issues, as it is about knowledge of the issues.”

(Gerry Clabby, Fingal County Council, 2009).

It is through its very inclusivity that community gardening offers the potential for so much diverse learning. In some respects the educational style of community gardening projects is similar to that of “Team Member Teaching Design” (TMTD). Rather than each student learning and understanding materials independently, with TMTD each member is assigned a portion of the study materials to teach to the other members of the group. With such a style of education, community gardening can provide a rapid learning resource.

“In terms of skill sharing, community gardening is accelerated learning...”

(Seoidin O’Sullivan, South Circular Road Community Garden, 2009)

The educational potential of community gardening, both environmental and otherwise, is open not only to participants but also to observers. It is likely to be further spread throughout the community by the interaction of participants and observers, with their friends and family.

“I think it’s very important to encourage youth to get involved, especially schools, and it means that their parents are then informed about what we are doing.”

(Seoidin O’Sullivan, South Circular Road Community Garden, 2009)

Cities all over the world exert an attraction upon populations, offering enhanced job, training, and cultural opportunities, both real and imagined. Despite this cities can often present an alienating environment to their residents and visitors alike, as a sense of community and identity is submerged by a large yet disparate population.

This can be particularly problematic for isolated or disadvantaged groups such as the elderly, disabled, or those with a limited knowledge of the English language.

Because a community garden delivers a co-operative and informal amenity for **Community Development** it has an ability to connect and build relationships throughout the community and across demographic divides.

“It’s healthy that there is this physical presence where people can interact.”

(Seoidin O’Sullivan, South Circular Road Community Garden, 2009)

Because the environment overlaps with all manner of interests and activities, from leisure to heritage, it is recognised that to foster social cohesion, initiatives such as community gardening offer a strong vehicle for delivering an enhanced sense of community.

Biodiversity Enhancement is delivered by community gardening projects in urban areas which convert derelict sites into green areas attractive to insects and other wildlife. Across Europe much of the countryside is becoming less accommodating for wildlife due to increasingly intensive farming practices. This

does not allow for the growth of numerous wild plants, which in turn provide food and shelter for other wildlife. Consequently, populations of butterflies and other insects which depend upon such natural plant life, are disappearing from much of the open countryside. So somewhat strangely, it can be within our cities where significant wildlife resources can still be found. This is most obvious with city Honey Bee Hives which survive longer, and produce much more honey, than their country counterparts. This may simply be because they can find flowers to feed upon throughout the whole year within our cities, which is no longer the case across much of the countryside.

Community Garden projects help to introduce a culture of **Resource Conservation** into the heart of communities. This is partly because of the reduction in carbon usage, and the associated resource expenditure, that is saved by growing your own food locally. In order to encourage people to become more responsible about resource usage issues they should be empowered to have a role in managing and reducing resource use within their own communities. As well as an interest in gardening, participation in a community gardening project can deliver an active interest in environmental participation and sustainable living, as well as community participation and social inclusion. This is because the activity of community gardening requires people to work with nature and not against it. Green waste composting, recycling of materials, seed harvesting and plant propagation, as well as rainwater harvesting are all practical steps that reduce costs and resource consumption. In this way community gardening helps to reduce the wastage of resources in terms of energy, waste, and water.

Community Urban Green Spaces are created by community gardening projects as they convert unused or derelict sites into beautiful city gardens. The importance of parks to the quality of life within cities is appreciated far and wide, and is backed up by research. There is evidence of better academic performance in schools that have outside classroom gardens, and studies at Mount Sinai Medical Centre in New York City have revealed increased patient recovery rates in beds that overlook the Central Park!

Guide to considerations for creating a community garden:

Public liability insurance:

Not all gardens have this. It is useful in terms of being accepted for grants and for broadening the gardens activities and inclusiveness. It should certainly be considered if the community garden has a potential for permanency, for such an amenity is worth protecting against all possible occurrences. Lack of public liability insurance may stand in the way of the garden expanding to provide a community amenity for crèches, schools, and for fund raising events.

The public liability has to be taken in the same name as the group who is signing the lease with Dublin City Council or other land owners.

Support of the residents association or other residents groups:

It is easier for the local authority to support and help your initiative if they know that it is desired by the majority of the local residents. Approval by the local residents association can add weight to your gardening project. It can also avoid unnecessary conflict and misunderstandings with residents.

Security of tenure:

For security of tenure it is probably best to locate a plot of land owned by the local authority, but which is not scheduled for future development, such as part of a green on a housing estate. Community gardens have been located upon private land, but this could cause potential issues with local authorities who may have policies of not providing funding for projects whose future they cannot guarantee.

Site security/fencing:

- ❁ Deters vandalism and theft.
- ❁ Deters dog fouling.
- ❁ Useful for insurance.

Careful consideration of fencing type should be considered for security reasons, aesthetic effect, and thought should be given towards the injury potential of the fencing.

Enthusiasm:

Survey your neighbours, and ask them what they think about the idea. Let them make suggestions. Gather e-mails to keep potential volunteers informed.

Sustainability:

The ongoing support for, and the use of the garden, is closely linked to the availability of volunteers, both for the gardening itself, and for any administration tasks. Volunteers can be increased by making use of free advertising, and by holding open days. As the garden becomes more established it can be strengthened further by including other strands of the community through workshops or training days.

Leadership must also be effectively replaced throughout the lifespan of the community gardening project, because otherwise that project will die when the current leadership leaves the project. An effective way of facilitating this is by setting up a committee structure whereby the key roles are decided on a yearly basis. This can also encourage volunteers as they do not feel that they are making an open ended commitment.

Location:

Out of sight out of mind! Choose a piece of land that is surrounded by residences, and preferably overlooked by them. Everyone is busy, so increase the gardens chances of success by locating it within the community, then people do not have to walk far to help out.

Accessibility:

This increases inclusiveness, and therefore volunteers.





Resources and Links:

Funding:

Local Agenda 21 Funding

Funding may be available for some community gardening projects through the Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund. This Fund promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at local level. Further information and an application form can be obtained from the Environment Awareness/Education Officer of your local authority. The annual deadline for the submission of funding applications is usually within July.

Contact: Dublin City Council: Further information on the programme and on funds available can be obtained from the Environment Awareness Officer of Dublin City Council. **Email:** sandra.smith@dublincity.ie or **Tel:** 01 222 4562 for more information.

Community & Voluntary Grants Scheme

Small grants may be available from your local authority for community development projects, such as community gardens.

Contact the Senior Community Officer, at your local authority area office.

Dublin City Council
Community & Voluntary Grants,
Community & Social Development,
Block 3, Floor 1,
Civic Offices,
Wood Quay,
Dublin 8.

Tel: (01) 222 2148

Email: doce@dublincity.ie



The annual deadline for the submission of Dublin City Council Community & Voluntary Grant applications is usually within January.

Dublin City Neighbourhood Awards

The Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition is an annual competition for communities, schools, businesses, and community gardens within the city, and is organised by Dublin City Council. It is an Area based competition with categories judged initially on an area basis. The best entrants from each of the 5 City Council Administrative Areas are selected to go forward to a citywide competition.

Dublin City Council
Waste Management Services Division,
68-71 Marrowbone Lane,
Dublin 8.
Tel: (01) 222 4243 / 4226 / 4398
Email: bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie

The annual deadline for the submission of Dublin City Council Neighbourhood Awards applications is usually within May.

The I.F.S.C. Dublin Inner City Trust

I.F.S.C. Dublin Inner City Trust,
Riverside One,
Sir John Rogerson's Quay,
Dublin 2



Croke Park Community Fund

Croke Park has an annual fund which is used to support projects in the immediate area around Croke Park. The fund is intended to support projects which in the main will take place within a 1.5 km radius of the stadium. The application form is available from the Croke Park.

Website: <http://www.crokepark.ie/>

Complete applications can be sent to:
Leah McCullough,
Croke Park Stadium,
Jones's Road,
Dublin 3.
Email: communityfund@crokepark.ie

Resources:

An Taisce Green Communities Programme

An Taisce Education Unit, 5a Swift's Alley, Dublin 8.

Useful for environmental community groups such as community garden projects. The An Taisce Green Communities programme can provide access to An Taisce's public liability insurance, and an extensive programme of annual training events.

Tel: 01 400 2212 and **Email:** rmoss@eeu.antaisce.org

Website: <http://www.antaisce.org/>

Coillte Nurseries

Coillte Nurseries is a division of Coillte Teoranta – Ireland's state forestry company. They produce a comprehensive range of forest seed, trees and shrubs for both the Irish and European market.

Tel: 059 915 5621

Email: nursery.sales@coillte.ie

Website: <http://www.coilltenurseries.ie/>

Dublin City Council Parks and Landscape Services Department

Block 4, Ground Floor, Civic Offices, Dublin 8.

Dublin has a proud heritage of parks. The City Council is very conscious of this heritage and the value of our network of green spaces and urban trees for the physical and mental health and well being of its citizens providing as it does opportunity for rest, relaxation and recreation. Even within the heart of Dublin City there are small oases of green space. It is the intention of the city council to identify opportunities for "greening" other urban spaces to enhance biodiversity and the quality of life within Dublin City. The objective is to ensure that all residents of the city have reasonable access to quality open space, nature, play, and recreational facilities.

Tel: 01 222 2222 and **Email:** parks@dublincity.ie

Dublin City Council's Play Development Team can also help your community with ideas and planning, making your spaces more child friendly, and interesting.

Tel: 01 222 5396 and **Email:** play@dublincity.ie

Dublin Community Growers

Dublin Community Growers is a network of community gardeners who meet monthly within central Dublin. An open group, they meet to discuss community gardening projects, and the issues faced by these projects. Dublin Community Growers also organise events to promote community gardens as amenities to be valued. The core ethos of Dublin Community Growers is represented by social inclusion, and environmental responsibility.

Website: <http://dublincommunitygrowers.ie/>

Future Forests

Future Forests is a nursery, and garden centre in West Cork, Ireland, with a mail order service. They stock a huge variety of trees, shrubs, hedging, roses, climbers, perennials, fruit trees, both native and exotic.

Tel: 027 66176 and

Email: futureforests@eircom.net

Website: <http://www.futureforests.net/>

Irish Seed Savers

Irish Seed Savers Association maintains a seed bank with over 600 non-commercially available varieties of seed. The main objective is the conservation of Ireland's very special and threatened plant genetic resources. Work focuses on the preservation of heritage varieties that are suitable for Ireland's unique growing conditions.

Tel: 061 921 866 and

Email: info@irishseedsavers.ie

Website: <http://www.irishseedsavers.ie/>

The Herb Garden

The Herb Garden is a Certified Organic Herb Nursery, providing seeds and plants, herb garden design, and a consultancy service for both private and corporate clients.

Tel: 01 841 3907 and

Email: info@theherbgarden.ie

Website: <http://www.theherbgarden.ie/>

Wildflowers

Selling and delivering native Irish wildflower seed mixtures.

Tel: 056 444 2526 and

Email: sales@wildflowers.ie

Website: <http://www.wildflowers.ie/>



For Information:

Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association

IOFGA (Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association)

is Ireland's leading organic certification body dedicated to certifying organic produce and products throughout Ireland.

Tel: 090 643 3680 and

Email: info@iofga.org

Website: <http://iofga.org/>

Sonairte

The Ninch, Laytown, Co. Meath, Ireland.

Sonairte is an interactive visitor centre promoting ecological awareness and sustainable living. There is an extensive organic garden that is open to the public, Wednesday-Sunday.

Tel: 041 982 7572 and **Email:** info@sonairte.org

Website: <http://sonairte.ie/>

Teagasc

Teagasc, Oak Park, Carlow.

Teagasc, the Agriculture and Food Development Authority, is the national body providing integrated research, advisory and training services, to the agriculture and food industry and rural communities. They produce a wide range of publications covering all aspects of research, as well as advisory and training programmes.

Tel: 059 917 0200 and

Email: info@teagasc.ie

Website: <http://www.teagasc.ie/>

For training:

Dublin School of Horticulture

Dublin School of Horticulture,
28 Spencer Villas,
Dún Laoghaire,
County Dublin

Tel: 01 214 8469

Email: carl@dsh.ie

Website: <http://www.dsh.ie/>



College of Amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens

Teagasc, College of Amenity Horticulture,
National Botanic Gardens,
Glasnevin, Dublin 9.

Tel: 01 804 0201

Email: botanic.college@teagasc.ie

Website: <http://www.teagasc.ie/botanicgardens/>

The Organic Centre

Rossinver, Co. Leitrim.

Tel: 071 985 4338

Email: info@theorganiccentre.ie

Website: <http://www.theorganiccentre.ie/>

Carraig Dúlra

Carraig Dúlra Farm

Barnbawn Road, Glenealy, Co Wicklow

Tel: 0404 69570.

Email: info@dulra.org

Website: <http://www.dulra.org/>

GardenWell-Using Nature to Nurture

Tel: +353 (0)1 487 5660

Mobile: +353 (0)87 697 7486

Email: sinead@gardenwell.org

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/GardenWell>

Cultivate/NICER Training

63 Lower Mount Street,

Dublin 2

Tel: (0)1 674 5773

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CultivateIreland

Website: www.cultivate.ie

ECO-UNESCO

The Greenhouse

17 St. Andrew Street,

Dublin 2

Tel: +353 1 662 5491

Email: info@ecounesco.ie

Twitter: @ecounesco

Facebook: [ecounescoireland](https://www.facebook.com/ecounescoireland)





*** Community Garden Listings ***

Baldoyle Racecourse Community Garden



Baldoyle Racecourse Community Garden (BRCG) is a local community garden initiative set up in 2013 by residents of Baldoyle in association with Fingal County Council. Located beside the wildlife conservation zone at Red Arches, the Coast, the garden has been specially designed in keeping with the natural habitat and with an ethos of ecological guardianship and commitment to organic practices. The aim of this community garden project is to foster self-sufficiency through the rewards of gardening while also encouraging a strong community spirit in the area. There are currently over forty members or community growers involved, with each individual maintaining their own private raised bed for personal use, but also contributing to the overall upkeep and management of the garden. BRCG has an open gate policy, welcoming visitors and new members (via an application waiting list policy). The four central beds have also been allocated for use by local social, community and youth services, and a special outreach officer has been designated to work with these groups. BRCG is a member of An Taisce.

Our purpose is to maintain a community garden that will provide education, beautification and a social outlet as well as supplying food for members of the garden.

Contact Details:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BaldoyleRacecourseParkCommunityGarden>

Email: baldoylecommunitygarden@gmail.com

Opening Times:

Monday to Sunday: 8am to 5pm in winter and 7am to 10pm summer.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 239 405

Balgaddy Community Garden



In 2010 an abandoned site located next to the Parochial House of Foxdene Avenue, Balgaddy was identified as a potential site for a community garden. Leading organisation; South Dublin County Partnership, formally CPLN Area Partnership in conjunction with residents presented a proposal to Parish Pastoral Council for the permission and access to develop a community garden. The Proposal was approved and immediately clearance of the site went ahead. South Dublin County Council, Community Growers Fund and An Taisce supported the initial clearance of the site and the planning and development. Various initiatives supported by the community have taken place. Adults and young people have participated in this project in areas such as gardening basic skills, planting, and potting by hand etc. The VEC have supported adult gardening tuitions which have encouraged participants to bring these skills to their day to day activities. Balgaddy Community Garden continues its progress and core volunteers have been key supporters to this project. This initiative is the hub of the community and offers environmental activities that help create a healthy life style.

Contact Details:

For more information contact: South Dublin County Partnership – Balgaddy Community Garden – Foxdene Avenue, Balgaddy, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

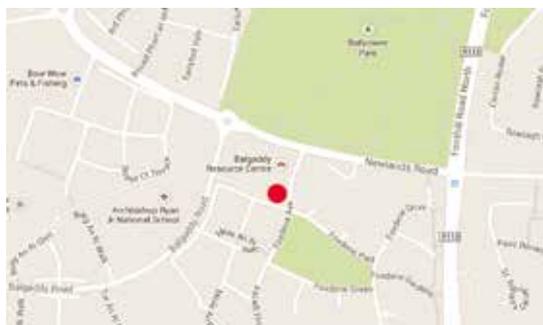
Carmen Paredes

Tel: 01 450 8748

Email: cparedes@sdcpartnership.ie

Opening Times:

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 056 334

Community Garden Listings

Bi Centennial Church Garden



Development of Church Yard, with scrubs, flowers, grasses, stones, plaque, and bedding plants.

Contact Details:

Address: Newcastle, County Dublin.

Email: Matthewdowling@eircom.net

Opening Times:

8:00am – 8:00pm



Garden Grid Reference: O 000 288

Blarney Park Community Garden



Blarney Park Community Garden is made up of residents and locals who have come together to transform waste-ground into a fully functional garden. The garden is managed and maintained by the gardeners. The purpose is to provide fresh produce and plants as well as satisfying labour, neighbourhood improvement, a sense of community and connection to the environment.

The land for the project is owned by Dublin City Council and is located between Superquinn on the Sundrive Road, and Poddle Park in Kimmage. Dublin City Council also operate allotments on this site. Please come by and get stuck in!

Contact Details:

Website: <http://dublincommunitygrowers.ie/gardens/blarney-park-community-garden/>

Email: peadar.lynch@gmail.com

Opening Times:

Usually Saturday mornings. Please see Facebook and sign up to our e-mail list for more details.



Garden Grid Reference: O 056 334



Community Garden Listings

Broadstone Community Garden



We are a group of local people who came together in early 2012 to develop a community based garden for the Broadstone area. We are creating a small space in the inner city which is not just a garden, but also helps to develop an inclusive and relevant space for the local community and the general public.

We are already so lucky to have the superb green spaces of the Broadstone linear park and the Blessington Basin on our doorsteps. The Broadstone Community Garden is simply another feature in this setting where people can come together, make new friends and learn from each other, while developing a garden which subscribes to practical, sustainable and organic principles.

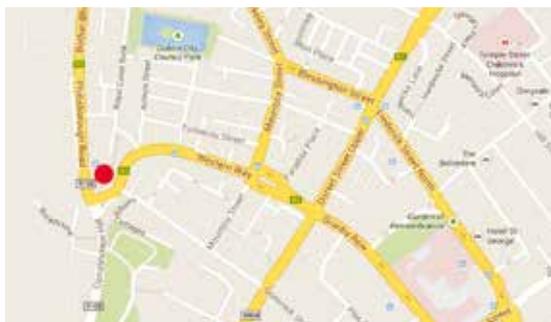
Contact Details:

Website: <http://www.broadstonecommunitygarden.com/>

Email: admin@broadstonecommunitygarden.com

Opening Times:

The garden is located on a linear park, a DCC park and is open according to Park opening hours [changing according to the month of the year]. Broadstone Community Garden volunteers meet regularly at 12.00 o'clock on Saturday and 17.00 o'clock on Wednesday. Wednesday gardening day is not occurring in winter months.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 149 352

Brookfield Community Garden



The Brookfield Environmental group set out to develop a community garden on a site that was causing difficulties for the local community. After negotiation the Brookfield Environmental Group accessed the site and work began in June 2011. New boundary fencing was put in by the South Dublin County Council to secure the site prior to work beginning. Funding has been received from many sources including the Community Foundation of Ireland, South Dublin County Council, South Dublin County Partnership, and Dublin Bus. The garden was officially opened on 24th May 2013 and was a great success. The Brookfield Environmental Group won 'Most Innovate Project' for this garden from South Dublin County Council's Most Beautiful South Dublin County Award 2012.

Contact Details:

Email: maryclare.wallace@doddervalley.ie

or traceyboylan@hotmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/197968750226141/

Opening Times:

Saturday 11am – 1pm

The garden is also open throughout the week but with no set times.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 063 273

Community Garden Listings

Cherry Orchard Community Garden, Allotment & Training Facility



This Community Garden was established in 2009 by Dublin City Council as an initiative under the Cherry Orchard Regeneration Project with the help of Cherry Orchard Men’s Group – MAGIC. It is operated in the style of a co-op and is open to everyone living in the community. The gardeners meet regularly each week. The garden has expanded a lot over the past number of years and now offers the following:

- ✿ Community allotment plots
- ✿ Gardening workshops
- ✿ Accredited horticulture training courses (FETAC)
- ✿ Mini farmers market each Thursday from 12pm – 2pm.
- ✿ Commencing in September 2013 – an innovative CE Scheme delivering FETAC level 4 in Horticulture targeted at 21-25 year olds

The project receives support from Dublin City Council, Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Partnership, City of Dublin Education and Training Board, Cherry Orchard Equine Centre, Tús, the Department of Environment, Community and Local Development and the local community.

Contact Details:

The garden is managed by the Ballyfermot/Chapelizod partnership and local community members.

Tel (Mobile): 087 272 4537 **Tel:** 01 623 5612
Email: Communitygardens@ballyfermotpartnership.ie
Facebook: Search “Cherry Orchard Community Garden”.

Opening Times:

Mon: 10:00am – 12:00pm, **Tue:** 10:00am – 12:00pm,
Thurs: 2:30pm – 4:30pm, **Sat:** 2:30pm – 4:30pm



Garden Grid Reference: 0 079 332

Corkagh Regional Park Allotments



This is one of South Dublin County Council’s allotments sites located in another of their Regional Parks, Corkagh Park, which is situated adjacent to the N7 (Naas Road) and on the outer fringe of Clondalkin town. The allotments themselves are located to the northern end of Corkagh Park, with the closest entrance being at St. Johns Grove. There are 39 allotments and they are all occupied.

Contact Details:

Ann Carmody, South Dublin County Council Environment Department
Email: info@sdublincoco.ie

Opening Times:

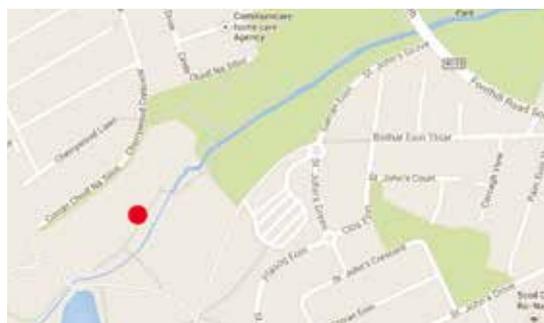
Because the allotment site is located within the park, the opening hours are the same as the park itself, which are below. However, the allotment site is also gated, therefore the allotment holders each have a key for access.

Park opening hours:

Open from 10am in the morning and the closing hours are as follows: (as on www.sdcc.ie)

Opening Times

November, December & January: 5:00pm
February & March: 6:00pm
April & October: 7:00pm
May & September: 8:00pm
June, July & August: 9:00pm



Garden Grid Reference: 0 057 306



Community Garden Listings

De Courcy Square Allotments



De Courcy Square is a residential square of 47 houses in Dublin 9. The square has been used for growing vegetables since the early 20th Century, but since 2009 the land it has been formalised into a community garden, where all ages can meet and benefit from the shared environment. It is divided into a mixture of communal areas and small plots of land, which are individually tended by over half of the households.

Contact Details:

Website: www.decourcysquare.wordpress.com

Alice Bentley

Email: alicecbentley@gmail.com

Opening Times:

The Square is open when any resident is using it. Visitors are very welcome to come in and see it, when the gates are open. Evenings and weekends tend to be best.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 149 367

Epilepsy Care Foundation Malahide Allotments Project



360 allotments, 75 of which are provided for people with epilepsy and associated disorders. The balance are let to the public in order to fund the project. Facilities provided include; plant/seed shop, also for sale is compost, fertilizer, topsoil, enhancer, etc.

Contact Details:

Address: Epilepsy Care Foundation, Malahide Allotments Manor House, Church Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin.

Web: <http://malahideallotments.ie/>

Email: info@malahideallotments.ie

Email: brian@epilepsycare.ie

Tel: 086 777 8058

Opening Times:

8:00am to 8:00pm.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 198 463

Community Garden Listings

Fettercairn Community Garden



The Fettercairn Community Garden is located beside the Community & Youth Centre. It has various raised beds which are available for use by community members and has recently acquired a poly tunnel. It is also used as a composting demonstration site for South Dublin County Council. Pupils from St Anne's National School also use the garden as their 'school garden' and grow various crops as part of the community food initiative run by Healthy Food for All.

Contact Details:

Estate Management Office at Fettercairn Community & Youth Centre

Tel: 01 451 6341

Opening Times:

Monday – Friday: 8:30am to 6pm and weekends by arrangement.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 069 281

Finglas Community Garden



Finglas Community garden has been open since 2006: the site is about 100m by 5m in extent. We have nine annual beds where we grow potatoes, onions, garlic, cabbage and beetroot. As our site is on the grounds of a National School, it is secure and we have access to water and a shed – we're developing our relations with the school staff and students.

We've extended the garden recently by developing one of Dublin's first forest gardens, with apple, plum, cherry and pear trees, soft-fruit in between, and a plan to place perennials around these in the next growing season. We're looking for volunteers at all times to help out and learn about gardening.

Contact Details:

Lara Hill

Tel: 086 171 7726

Sean Shanagher

Email: seanshana@gmail.com

Opening Times:

Sunday: 11am – 2pm.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 124 397



Community Garden Listings

Five Lamps Garden



The Five Lamps Garden is situated on the grounds of the former St. Agatha's Court which was independent social accommodation for the elderly and is owned by Dublin City Council. In the heart of the Five Lamps area this garden is mixed use including an orchard, fruit shrubs, a vegetable plot, flower beds, herbs and wild areas. The garden is open to all members of the local community. It is linked to the Five Lamps Festival and Marino College. Still in development the garden is always open to new volunteers.

Contact Details:

Email: fivelampsgarden@gmail.com

Email: aiofedesmond@gmail.com

Opening Times:

Opening times vary it is best to email for access.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 167 354

Flanagan's Fields Community Garden



Flanagan's Fields Community Garden is sited between Reuben Street and the New Herberton Development in Dublin 8. It began in 2010 and is still in construction with new ground being given over by DCC for its development. Landscaped in the field system of the John Roque 1756 map of the area when it was known as Kilmainham Commons the garden takes its name from the Flanagans, wealthy landowners in the area who gave out leases for market gardens in the 19th and early 20th century.

Contact Details:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/647391241952449/>

Email: botpd8@gmail.com

Opening Times:

Tuesday: 10:00am till 2:00pm

Thursday: 10:00am till 2:00pm

Friday: 10:00am till 2:00pm



Garden Grid Reference: 0 137 331

Community Garden Listings

Friarstown Allotments



This allotment site is located South of Tallaght, in the Friarstown area of the Dublin hills. It is accessed off Old Bawn Avenue followed by Bohernabreena Road. The site is elevated, offering wonderful views of the Dublin hills to the West and of Tallaght and the city to the North. There are 128 allotments in total with proposals to further expand and develop the site, offering a further 150 allotments. All allotments are occupied.

Contact Details:

Ann Carmody, South Dublin County Council Environment Department

Email: info@sdblincoco.ie

Opening Times:

The site is independent of any SDCC Park. Therefore each allotment holder has a key to the vehicular gates and may come and go as they freely choose.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 094 247

Global Garden



The Global Garden was set up to build community around dialogue and gardening. The idea of a garden arose from an intercultural dialogue group that meets every second Thursday in the Intercultural Centre in Clondalkin Village.

The group needed a practical focus for their energies and the garden project was started in 2012 with funding from the Community Foundation. The group is seeking to expand membership and has embarked on a project to engage more members of the local communities. Part of this initiative involves running a one day Summer School looking at the bigger issues surrounding soil, water, seed, and climate. The Summer School is being promoted in the Clondalkin area.

This is the first year of gardening in the garden. We are growing potatoes, onions, strawberries, raspberries and have planted a number of fruit trees. We plan to bring more of the garden into production next year. The plan for the garden is to use minimum digging/tilling, have no hard surfaces within the garden and to keep the garden organic.

Contact Details:

Address: Global Garden, Corkagh Park, Clondalkin.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ClondalkinGlobalGarden?fref=ts>

Website: www.globalgarden.ie

Email: gilbert.storrs@gmail.com

Opening Times:

Saturday 10:00am to 1:00pm.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 058 308



Community Garden Listings

Greenhills Community Garden



The Greenhills Community Garden is an exciting project which began in 2007 with the aim of transforming disused land held in trust on behalf of the Greenhills Residents into allotments and a community garden. The garden comprises 18 plots and a number of small community growing areas. An inclusion initiative currently underway will build a number of waist high beds so elderly and disabled residents can have a more active role in the garden.

Contact Details:

Website: www.greenhillsgardenproject.org

Email: greenhillsgardenproject@gmail.com

Opening Times:

As the community garden and allotments is locked when members are not present, non-members should contact the group in advance to arrange a visit.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 112 306

Mill Lane Allotments, Palmerstown



This allotment site is accessed from Palmerstown Village via Mill Lane and is located in a very sheltered site between Stewarts Hospital and the River Liffey. The site is very tranquil, removed from traffic and with a view to the Farmleigh Tower in Phoenix Park. There are 74 allotments in total all of which are occupied.

Contact Details:

Ann Carmody, South Dublin County Council Environment Department

Email: info@sdublincoco.ie

Opening Times:

The site is independent of any SDCC Park. Therefore each allotment holder has a key to the vehicular gates and may come and go as they freely choose.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 089 353

Community Garden Listings

Millennium Community Garden



We are a community garden located in the walled garden of Millennium Park, Blanchardstown. The garden is a place for people to come, contribute and learn from others. There are opportunities to learn about fruit, vegetable and ornamental plant growing, and maintenance. The harvest (which is almost year-round now!) is shared out among those who contribute to the garden.

The garden welcomes people of all backgrounds and offers a child-friendly environment.

Contact Details:

Email: millenniumcommunitygarden@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/millenniumgarden

Opening Times:

Summer: Wednesdays 7pm to 8:30pm; Saturdays 10am to 1pm

Winter: Saturdays 10am to 1pm.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 068 390

The Muck & Magic Community Garden



Sited on Dublin City Council land, this garden has been open since 2011. It has progressed from humble beginnings with a few raised beds, to establishing itself as a national home composting demonstration site, as part of the Environmental Protection Agency's Stop Food Waste initiative. The garden has extensive vegetable growing, an edible native hedge, wild life area, ornamental border, and soft fruit area. Future plans include establishment of a community orchard, installation of a poly-tunnel, rainwater harvesting, a sensory garden, and continual enhancement of the garden's natural biodiversity.

Contact Details:

Address: The Muck & Magic community garden, Coultury gardens, Ballymun, Dublin 9.

Facebook: Global Action Plan Ireland

Maire Hurley

Tel: 086 044 0187 **Email:** maire@globalactionplan.ie

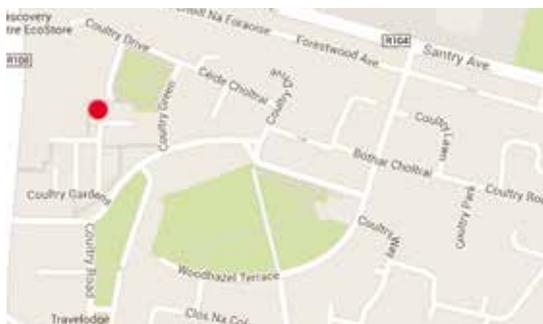
John O Donoghue

Tel: 086 8176 666 **Email:** dunbroland@eircom.net

Opening Times:

Monday: 10:30am – 1pm

Wednesday: 6:00pm – 8:00pm



Garden Grid Reference: 0 155 401



*** Community Garden Listings ***

Mud Island Community Garden



Mud Island Community Garden is on a previously derelict site in the North Strand area. It can be accessed via Clinch's Court or Newcomen Avenue, off the North Strand Road, Dublin 3. The site is owned by Dublin City Council and has been licensed to the group since October 2011. The garden has received grants from the Community Growers Fund, Local Agenda 21, Croke Park Community Fund, An Taisce's Green Communities Programme and Dublin City Council. Membership is open to anyone living in the North Strand/Ballybough area. The garden is worked collectively and the produce shared. New members are always welcome. Origins of our name: Up until the middle of the last century, westward of the North Strand, between Nottingham Street and Newcomen Bridge, and extending as far as Ballybough Road, was a locality of evil repute known as Mud Island. The area was inhabited by smugglers, highwaymen and desperadoes of every description. Today, it's the site of Mud Island Community Garden!

Contact Details:

Garden Address: Newcomen Court, Newcomen Avenue, North Strand, Dublin 3

Postal address: c/o Secretary, 4 Bayview Avenue, Dublin 3.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mudisland.communitygarden

Email: mudislandcommunitygarden@gmail.com

Fionnuala Halpin (Chairperson)

Tel: 085 710 6115 **Email:** Fionnuala.halpin@gmail.com

Maeve Foreman (Secretary)

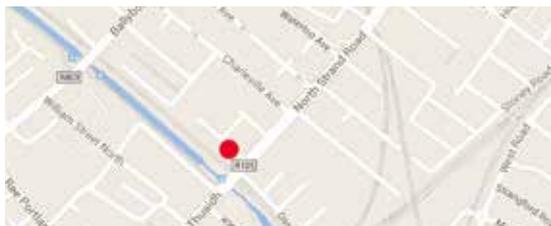
Mobile: 086 168 3702 **Email:** mforeman@tcd.ie

Opening Times:

Saturdays 2 to 5pm and Tuesdays 2 to 5pm

Membership fees:

€5 per household per year (€10 if employed).



Garden Grid Reference: 0 168 355

NEC Farmer's Hill Community Garden



Beautifully painted semi-walled garden, hidden from view with a choice of allotments and raised beds, and an orchard. This garden is an oasis in an otherwise concrete urban setting.

Contact Details:

Address: NEC Farmer's Hill Community Garden, Rutland Street Lower, Dublin 1.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/neccom.garden>

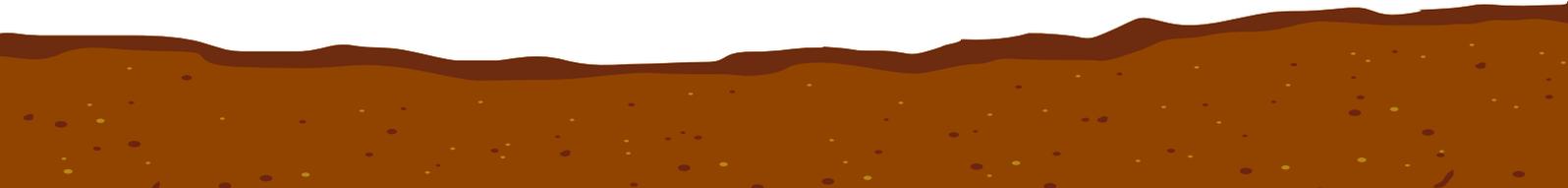
Email: neccomgarden@gmail.com

Opening Times:

12 noon – 4:00pm daily.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 163 353



Community Garden Listings

The Pat Murphy Community Garden



The Pat Murphy Community Garden at Newcomen Court, North Strand, has been developed as a resource for men in the community. This community garden, named in honour of the late Pat Murphy, founder member of the Larkin Unemployed Centre and tireless advocate on behalf of the unemployed, was built by a group of local men during 2010/2011. Drawing on their practical skills and expertise from their years in the construction industry, these men transformed what was once a derelict area into a productive space and in so doing have changed and enhanced the local landscape. The design, layout and structures of this garden include the use of raised beds which are not only ideally suited to areas with poor soil such as this, but also maximise the growing potential of the site alongside the other facilities that have been built. These latter include meeting room, glasshouse, potting shed and toilets, all of which provide an amenity with huge potential. This community garden is based on organic principles of growing, promoting reuse and recycling of materials, a rainwater harvesting system, practices that seek both to reduce our carbon footprint and also improve the urban environment.

This community garden project has evolved from the Men's Health & Wellbeing Programme, an initiative developed to encourage men to take better care of themselves. Gardening is an ideal activity to keep people fit and healthy. There are other benefits, community gardening is also a social activity, a place for men to come together, share skills, ideas and build a sense of community and belonging.

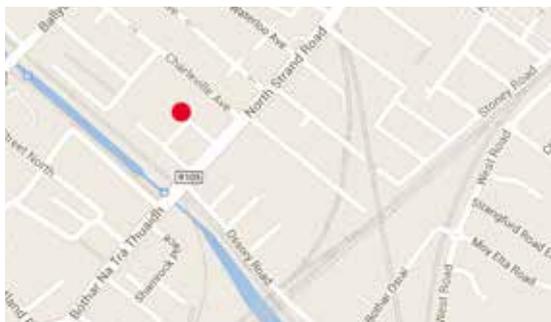
Contact Details:

Website: www.larkinctr.com

Email: anneflannery@larkinctr.com

Opening Times:

Garden is not open to the general public.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 168 355

Pearse College Allotments



The Pearse College Allotments are situated in the heart of Crumlin, between Clogher Road and Sundrive Road, in the grounds of Pearse College. The college has been delivering quality courses for 50 years and is a leading provider of FETAC 5 and 6 Horticulture, Ecology and Sustainability awards and modules. These Allotments are a wonderful example of the mutual benefits of situating a community allotment within a horticultural college. The sharing of expertise is a two way street as the older allotment holders have a reservoir of knowledge and experience which they are happy to share. There are 133 plots in total, each measuring 80sq. metres, aside from 5 raised beds which provide wheelchair accessible growing spaces. 10 of the plots are retained by the college for use as common areas and student plots, and the remainder are leased to local people. The plot holders have access to a number of free facilities, including:

Five large storage containers that provide storage space for tools and equipment, a clubhouse, water, bark mulch, horse manure, a small shared composting facility, access to shower and toilets, an orchard, commonage consisting of a BBQ area/seating/lawn/flowerbeds, a wildlife corridor, communal herb planters, a safe play area in the centre of the site for small children.

Contact Details:

Website: www.pearsecollege.ie

Website: www.pearsecollegeallotments.wordpress.com

Email: info@pearsecollege.ie

Opening Times:

Plot Holders can access the site any time. Visitors are free to call in anytime that the pedestrian access gate is open on Clogher Road.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 135 322



Community Garden Listings

Santry Community Garden



A beautiful, thriving 4 ½ acre walled garden split into 3 sections – vegetable garden (with poly-tunnel, wildlife area, herb garden, composting, and shed), heritage orchard, apiary and ornamental section. Open 5 times a week to members and the public.

Started in 2010 the garden is well established within the community and a proven success with 70+ paid up volunteers, half of whom are regular attendees working to revitalise and cultivate the garden in keeping with its history and providing a valuable amenity for training, engagement and involvement for the local community. We are always looking for new members and welcome visitors so please come and see us at our opening times.

Contact Details:

Website: santrycommunitygarden.ie

Email: santrycommunitygarden@gmail.com

Opening Times:

Wednesdays 12-4pm, Fridays 2-4pm, Saturdays and Sundays 11am – 1pm. But we are often open longer in the summer.



Garden Grid Reference: O 163 406

Serenity Community Garden



The Serenity Community Garden exists to provide a garden amenity within Phibsborough, located at Great Western Villas. The core aims of the community garden project are to provide a garden resource available to all members of the community, a green waste composting facility, an amenity for social development, an amenity for environmental education and also the promotion of biodiversity. This project also seeks to increase the pride of place within the neighbourhood and to improve the appearance of the garden and surrounding streets and green spaces. During the summer months Sunflowers can be seen towering over fruit bushes, herbs, flowers and vegetables. A composting facility was installed in June 2009, a willow hedge in 2010, a plastic bottle recycled greenhouse in 2011, an artesian tube well and pump in 2012, and signage in 2013. Throughout the course of the year Serenity Community Garden hosts free community events such as plant sales, gardening workshops, and mid-summer poetry parties. These events are open to residents, their friends, and their families. In addition to these scheduled events, the Serenity Community Garden also regularly hosts a diverse number of visits from various interested organisations. Over the years these have included classes of children with special needs, a group of town planners from Sweden, a class of architectural students from France, a class from the National Learning Network, and also a visit by the RTÉ Nationwide Programme back in 2010. Serenity Community Garden is a voluntary constituted group run by an elected committee of gardeners.

Contact Details:

Website: <http://dublincommunitygrowers.ie/gardens/serenity-community-garden/>

Email: marioncarmelites@yahoo.com

Email: dcgsecretary@gmail.com



Opening Times:

Saturdays from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. In the summer there is gardening activity in the week day evenings as well.



Garden Grid Reference: O 147 356

Community Garden Listings

Seven Oaks Community Garden



A community garden based in Seven Oaks apartment complex on an embankment area behind a number of the apartment blocks, and bordered by the CIE railway line. The community garden was established during National GIY (Grow It Yourself) Week in March 2011. In connection with GIY, we had a site preparation day where volunteers from Dublin Community Growers joined residents from Seven Oaks to dig, terrace and plant a whole range of plants. There was a great attendance and the day was made particularly enjoyable by both a barbecue and the presence of rugby international player Shane Horgan, who was there to promote GIY.

Contact Details:

Address: Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 (across the road from the Liffey Gaels GAA Club).

Email: sevenoaks@live.ie

Residents from the apartments, who are interested in community gardening, have access at any time with their own gate keys.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 114 336

Shanganagh Community Gardens



A community garden comprising of 70 individual plots, and a number of group plots, including Men's Cancer Support Group, children's After-School Group, and Family Support Service.

Contact Details:

Address: Shanganagh CDP, Shanganagh Park House, Rathallsagh Avenue, Shankill, Dublin 18.

Email: Anne.traynor@sspship.ie

Opening Times:

Open from early morning to dusk most days, including weekends.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 257 230



*** Community Garden Listings ***

Sitric Compost Community Garden



The Sitric Compost Garden is an urban composting demonstration site, and Community Garden, located on the corner of Sitric Road and Viking Place in Stoneybatter, Dublin 7, Ireland. Home of the Sitric Picnic, the Garden acts as a catalyst for a wide range of community led projects that support sustainable urban bioremediation, including the Benchmark, SPUDS.ie (the sustainable potatoes united development study) and the Lifeline Project, an ambitious proposal promoting the development of a comprehensive network of green infrastructure in Dublin North Central Area.

Contact Details:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SitricCompostGardenCommunity

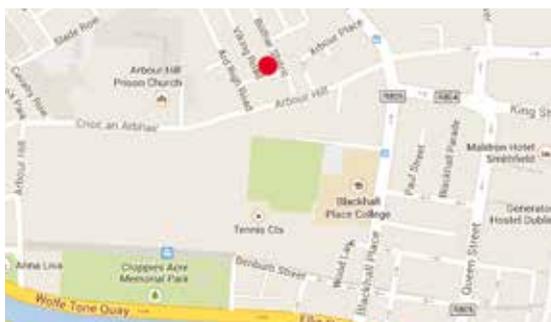
Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/sitricpicnic

Website: www.desireland.ie

Email: compost@desireland.ie

Opening Times:

Always open for members. For non-members interested in getting involved the garden is open on the first Sunday of each month 2-4 pm. For Composting Boot-camps and other specially scheduled events please visit our Facebook page.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 142 347

South Circular Road Community Garden



The South Circular Road Community Food Garden Project started in April 2007. We have a derelict site on loan from ST Salvage Company that we have converted into a community food garden. This is a continuation of the initial successful Dolphins Barn Community squatted food garden that was on the canal from 2005 – 2007.

Bus Routes will leave you near the garden: 17, 19, 56A, 77, 77A, 121, 122, 150, 151.



South Circular Road Community Garden QR Code. Please scan with a smart phone for additional web content.

Contact Details:

Website: www.southcirculargarden.blogspot.com

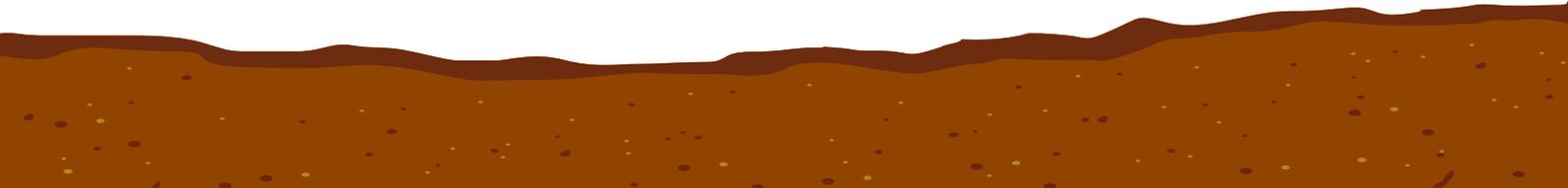
Email: brennan015@gmail.com

Opening Times:

Saturdays at 1pm.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 139 327



Community Garden Listings

St. Andrews Community Centre Courtyard Garden



The courtyard garden is tended by the Rialto Men's Group which meets once a week (Wednesdays, 10.30 – 13.00) for a social get together which includes a breakfast and some gardening.

Contact Details:

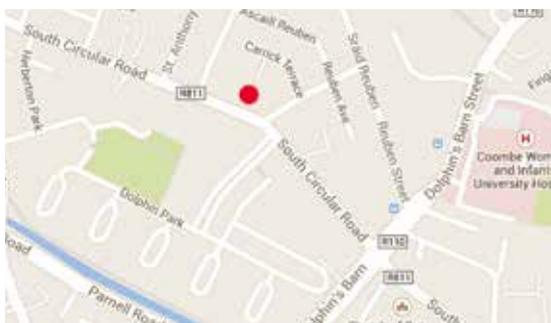
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rialto-Mens-Group/207711095933093?fref=ts>

Email: rialtod8@hotmail.com

Contact telephone during office hours: 01 453 1638

Opening Times:

09:00am – 4:00pm Mon-Fri.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 136 330

St. Anne's Walled Garden Allotments



The St. Anne's Walled Garden Allotments are located in St Anne's Park Raheny Dublin 5. The allotments are situated in a 2½ acre walled garden, formerly the vegetable garden of the estate once owned by the Guinness family. There are 90 plots within the garden, and these were initially allocated by lottery draw on 21st June 2010, with the first plot holders arriving on Saturday 4th July. The plot holder's avail of a communal tool lock-up facility and water is provided by means of a subterranean tap network which was put in place by Dublin City Council before allocating the plots. During the 3 years the allotment garden has been in operation the plot holders have built their own community room with modern facilities, and last year they erected 3 large communal poly tunnels kitted out with staging tables to help extend the growing season: there has been the development of a website which all the plot holders use www.stannesallotments.com, and recently they have set up a Facebook page. There is a communal composting area, and manure is sourced free of charge throughout the year. The allotment group; St. Anne's Park Muck Rakers & Dirt Diggers Association, hold regular monthly meetings especially during the summer months, and general house-keeping chores are shared collectively.

Contact Details:

Website: stannesallotments.com

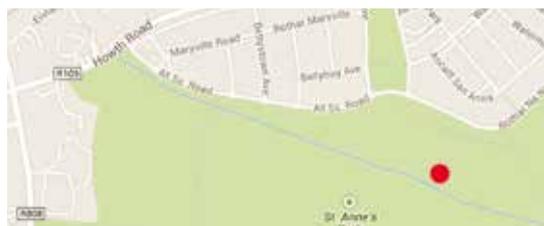
Email: houseofjk@gmail.com

Opening Times:

Opening time is always officially 10:00am

Closing Times:

December – January: 5:00pm, February: 5:30pm, March: 6:30pm/7:30pm (time change at start of daylight savings), April: 8:30pm, May: 9:30pm, June – July 10:00pm, August 9:30pm, September 8:30pm, October 7:30pm/6:30pm (time change at end of daylight savings), November 5:30pm.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 214 375



*** Community Garden Listings ***

St. Audoens Community Garden



Here on Cook Street, Dublin 8, is a community garden based within the grounds of an inner city school, opposite the historic city wall. The aims of the garden are to give the children, and their parents, as well as the local community, an opportunity to experience planting and harvesting from “no dig” raised bed gardens and recycled containers. Great emphasis is placed on combining flowers and vegetables to enhance the school grounds. A large part of our funding is acquired by the collection and sale of aluminium cans for cash.

Contact Details:

Adrian Harkin (Vice Principle)
Email: staudoens@gmail.com

Tony Lowth (Garden Volunteer)
Mobile: 086 874 7678

Opening Times:

Sunday Afternoons from 2:30pm till 5:00pm.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 148 340

Stillorgan Community Garden



We run lessons for the schoolchildren once a week and are also open to the general public on Saturday afternoons. We have hens, a wild meadow, bees, a pond, a native hedgerow, bat boxes, poly-tunnel, composting area, raised beds, and some fruit trees.

Contact Details:

Caroline Jolley
Tel: 087 249 9436
Email: jolleycaroline@yahoo.ie

Opening Times:

Saturday afternoons 2:30pm to 4:00pm (unless it's raining!)



Garden Grid Reference: 0 202 275

Community Garden Listings

Summer Row Community Garden



In 2010, the residents of Summer Street decided to give purpose to an empty patch of land tucked away behind the street, which had descended into a makeshift dumping area. The resulting Summer Row Community Garden is a communal space, with community members from the surrounding area joining the garden on a voluntary basis, to grow herbs, flowers, fruits and vegetables which are harvested and shared each week. In addition, the garden committee organise community events held in the garden. There is a composting system onsite and most of the water requirements are met by water harvesting facilities that collect rainfall from the poly-tunnel and neighbouring buildings. Organic growing is practised as much as possible.

Contact Details

Website: <http://www.summerrowgarden.com>

Email: info@summerrowgarden.com

Opening Times

During the summer months, the garden is open to the public every Saturday 2-5 pm, with earlier opening in winter. Members of the community garden association have access to the garden at all times. We welcome group visits and we are always seeking new members.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 162 355

TARGET Community Garden



An organic garden with four beds for vegetables, a soft fruit section, potato bed, spiral herb garden, two flower beds, and a living willow seat.

Contact Details:

Address: St Kevin's National School, Newbrook Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13.

Tel: 01 867 1967

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Trinity-Adult-Resource-Group-for-Education/157931607556849?ref=hl>

Heidi Bedell

Email: Heidibedell@eircom.net

Opening Times:

Monday to Friday: 9am to 1pm



Garden Grid Reference: 0 225 400



Community Garden Listings

Tymon Regional Park Allotments



This is one of South Dublin County Council's allotments sites located in one of their Regional Parks, Tymon Park. Tymon Park is accessed from Tallaght village, from Greenhills Road, or from the N81.

The allotments themselves are located along Tymon Lane, adjacent to the park depot buildings, sheltered by a belt of existing trees. There are 13 allotments in total.

Contact Details:

Ann Carmody, South Dublin County Council Environment Department

Email: info@sdublincoco.ie

Opening Times:

Because the allotment site is located within the park, the opening hours are the same as the park itself, which are below. However, the allotment site is also gated, therefore the allotment holders each have a key for access.

Park opening hours:

Open from 10am in the morning and the closing hours are as follows: (as on www.sdcc.ie)

November, December & January: 5:00pm

February & March: 6:00pm

April & October: 7:00pm

May & September: 8:00pm

June, July & August: 9:00pm



Garden Grid Reference: 0 105 290

The Village Garden



The Village Garden is a new community garden supported by FAST for the people of Finglas. Our aim is to provide an opportunity for individuals, families and communities to develop sustainable responses to the challenges facing us at the moment; poverty, food security, social exclusion, and urban isolation. The garden is located at 2A Wellmount Rd, in the grounds of FAST, a community based initiative providing information, support and counselling for those affected by drug and alcohol misuse. The community garden is built and maintained by volunteers from all over the local community, who meet regularly to tend to the fruit and vegetables, check the bird boxes, and add to the garden.

Contact Details:

Address: 2a, Wellmount Road, Finglas, Dublin 11.

Email: reception@fastltd.ie

Opening Times:

Monday: 11:00am to 3:00pm

Tuesday: 11:00am to 4:00pm

Wednesday: 1:00pm to 4:30pm



Garden Grid Reference: 0 131 387

Community Garden Listings

Viking Harbour Edible Garden



Our garden came about in early 2012 when a group of residents got together to start growing food. Viking Harbour is home to 150 apartments on the river Liffey. There is green space and shrubbery around the car park in the centre of the complex. Permission was granted by the Management Company to clear 2 areas to grow spuds and herbs. In 2013 we have further cleared space to plant tomatoes, beans, chillis, onions and garlic, and in May the Sitric Compost Community Garden kindly donated a medley of organic potatoes, including some heritage and blight resistant varieties. As our group expands in numbers so do our plans for more veg over the winter and flowers for the spring. Above all, the garden has opened the doors to getting to know our neighbours!

Contact Details:

Natasha Kalvas

Tel: 087 235 3792

Email: vhgardengroup@gmail.com

Opening Times:

By Appointment. The apartments are in a gated enclosure.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 143 342

The Virgin Mary Community Garden



This community garden opened in August 2012, and the land is owned by the St Laurence O'Toole Trust. The site is laid out into 13 individual plots, where a variety of community groups have undertaken the development of this community garden. A community orchard with over 20 different varieties of apples, along with a willow coppicing area, has been planted. The garden also features a plastic propagation bottle house, biodiversity plot including a small pond, and a keyhole garden.

Contact Details:

Address: The Virgin Mary Community garden, Shangan Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9.

Facebook: Global Action Plan Ireland

Maire Hurley

Tel: 086 044 0187

Email: maire@globalactionplan.ie

Opening Times:

Tuesdays: 11:00am – 1pm

Thursdays: 11:00am – 1pm



Garden Grid Reference: 0 157 397



Community Garden Listings

Walk Community Garden



The Walk Community Garden is located on the grounds of Scoil Colm on Armagh Road Crumlin, and includes a 16 metre poly tunnel which houses raised beds containing a wide variety of plants, vegetables, and fruits. Our new plastic bottle greenhouse will be used to germinate seeds and propagate plants. The area around the tunnel is set out with raised beds. The garden is used by WALK service users, students & teachers from Scoil Colm, Crumlin Youth Reach, Crumlin College and community groups for education and holistic purposes. It is open by appointment for anyone to visit.

Contact Details:

Web: www.walk.ie

Email: gandh@walk.ie

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WALK1967?fref=ts>

Opening Times:

By appointment – Tel: 01 901 3274



Garden Grid Reference: 0 127 314

Walkinstown Green Community Garden



Walkinstown Green Community Garden is a new community initiative, it is currently in development and will provide a new opportunity for the residents of the Walkinstown area. The initiative is being led by WALK with the support of Dublin City Council's Crumlin Area Office. At present there is already a 20 metre poly-tunnel in place where bedding plants and shrubs are grown. It is planned to expand the area to contain raised beds for planting.

Contact Details:

Web: www.walk.ie

Email: gandh@walk.ie

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WALK1967?fref=ts>

Opening Times:

By appointment – Tel: 01 901 3274



Garden Grid Reference: 0 109 313

Community Garden Listings

Weaver Square Community Garden and Allotments



Weaver Square is a garden on a site owned by Dublin City Council. It is located on Chamber Street, just off Cork Street in Dublin 8. It was set up in the summer of 2011. The site has a number of individual allotments and one larger space which serves as the community garden.

Contact Details:

You can find information and updates about us on Facebook at: Weaver Square Community Garden and our email is: weaversquare-communitygarden@gmail.com

Opening Times:

Access to the site is by key only. We don't have fixed times, but generally the weekends are the best time for members to be there. Check Facebook page for updated details or email us at the above address.



Garden Grid Reference: 0 145 333

Planned Community Garden Projects

Change Community Garden

An organic garden with four beds for vegetables, a soft fruit section, potato bed, herb garden, two flower beds, and a living willow seat.

Contact Details:

Linda Devlin
Email: linda.devlin@dorasbui.org

Opening Times:

Monday to Friday: 9am to 1pm



Garden Grid Reference: 0 194 398

Fairview Urban Garden

A new community gardening initiative which is still considering sites in the Fairview area. This urban garden, when established, will be open to all local people, and volunteers.

Contact Details:

Brid Ryan
Email: fairviewgi@gmail.com





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Festina Lente Victorian Walled Garden – Wicklow

Festina Lente is an embracing not-for-profit organization which provides a range of occupational, learning and employment opportunities for people whose needs have not been met in mainstream services. The kitchen garden has been converted into community gardens in response to the needs of the local community. The Garden contains 50 community gardens ranging in size from: Large 40 sq metres, Medium 20 sq metres, and Small 15 sq metres. The services Festina Lente Provide for each Allotment holder.

- ✿ Each plot is weeded, measured, and manured prior to plot holder use
- ✿ We provide an information pack
- ✿ Advice from the Horticultural staff at all times
- ✿ Discount on a range of products from the garden shop
- ✿ Space in the poly-tunnels to provide each plot holder with a protected area to propagate seedlings for planting out at a later stage in their plots.
- ✿ Access to the ornamental garden.
- ✿ We have a garden shop stocking tools, seeds fertilizers gifts refreshments tea/coffee snack sandwiches.
- ✿ Composting
- ✿ Water butts are placed around the garden.

The plots are made available each year from February and are allocated to the next person on the waiting list. We accept applications for plots throughout the year. These names are then added to the waiting list which is reviewed each February.

Contact Details:

Web: www.festinalentegardens.ie

Email: gardens@festinalente.ie

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/festinalenteequestrian>

Gardens: <https://www.facebook.com/festinalentegardens>

Twitter: @FestinaLenteHS

Opening Times:

Monday – Friday: 9-5pm **Saturday:** 9:30-6pm

Sunday: 11-6pm

Open all year except 24 Dec – 31



Garden Grid Reference: O 249 199

Julianstown Community Garden – Meath



Julianstown Tidy Towns Group commenced a very ambitious and long term project with the development of a disused and derelict 3 acre linear site that ran alongside the R132.

The design of the garden, laid out with grass circles and pathways encourages local young families with children to come down and use the circulatory nature of the garden as a cycle tract. We hold a large number of community events in the garden namely, Bealtaine Teddy Bear's Picnic, Samhradh Street Feast, Samhain Halloween bonfire and games.

We have a native woodland area, raised vegetable beds (which the public can help themselves to), rain harvesting, community composter, orchard, wild flower bed, and a super pond to attract wildlife.

There is a picnic table which is wheelchair friendly, and also seating throughout the garden.

You are very welcome to come in anytime, have a picnic, or just chill out.

Contact Details:

Web: www.julianstowncommunity.com

Email: jdca@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Julianstown-Tidy-Towns-Group/222481317802639?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Opening Times:

Open to public all year round.



Garden Grid Reference: O 132 707





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