



# «Jardin Collectif des Escourtines»



**Address :**  
Le Jardin Collectif des Escourtines  
Centre Social des Escourtines  
13011 Marseille, FRANCE

Name of the managing organisation

Atelier  
Marseillais  
d'initiatives  
en Ecologie  
Urbaine  
(AMIEU)

Birth of the garden

February  
2011

Users of the garden

Children  
(nursery and  
elementary)

Immigrants

Neighbours

Young  
people

Elderly

Women

School

## Once upon a time...

- The Escourtines social centre asked AMIEU to assist them in creating a community and educational garden. We met the social centre, its users (adults) and those in charge of the structures welcomed in the garden
- Many people are already active on this tiny garden
- The social centre aims to extend over a large municipal lot (located in the neighbourhood)

## Objectives

- Learn to garden
- Learn to grow vegetables
- Learn to collectively manage the garden

## Activities & Events

- There is an annual festive event in the garden

## Structure of the garden

- Surface: 200m<sup>2</sup>
- Organisation of plots: 12

## Management

- In this garden, AMIEU is project co-director.
- It gathered the first gardeners to start organising the planning with the community centre. AMIEU welcomes the public in the garden each week.
- The collective animation is provided by the social centre which we are the lead partner.

## Our good ideas & practices

- The completely collective operation of this garden
- The large number of people who go there reported to the small size of the garden

## Practical information

- Access : bus line 15 and 15S
- The garden is open during office hours (the garden is located inside the community center)
- Enter the social center. Make an appointment. (the social center is currently under construction but the garden continues during construction)

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