

EU GO- EUROPEAN URBAN GARDENS OTESHA

IDENTIFICATION OF A GOOD EDUCATIONAL PRACTICE OR TOOL

Name of the community garden			Possible short title for the practice		
GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY			National Garden Scheme		
Type of tool			Contact person	Name and role	William Croggan
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Methodology	<input type="checkbox"/>	Document		E-mail	
Other (specify):				Other contacts	http://www.ngs.org.uk
It can be addressed to...			It deals with the following topics...		
All	<input type="checkbox"/>	School	Intercultural dialogue	Intergenerational dialogue	
Children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Institution	Gender Equality	Fight against poverty	
Youngsters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social service	Sustainable Consumption	Education to sustainable development	
Adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Job service	Sustainable Urbanisation	Socio-professional training	
Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Migrants service	Health promotion	Social cohesion	
Elderly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neighbourhood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Horticultural therapy	Leisure activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)			Other (specify)		
DESCRIPTION Please describe the practice you have developed.					
People open their own gardens to the public for a small fee through the National Garden Scheme. All monies raised go to charity					
AIMS AND OUTCOMES Which are the main purposes tackled in a community garden with this tool? Which concrete results have been observed at short and long term?					
to raise money for charities; to improve gardening practice and skills; to give people inspiration for their own gardens					
WHAT MAKES IT A GOOD PRACTICE OR TOOL? Identify which elements make this action a good practice, for ex. Innovation, coherence, link with other projects or people, favours social mixing, simplify work, earn time or money, etc.					
It's fun; social activity; transfer of information; focus for the gardeners; intergenerational mixing; promotes cohesion - sometimes a few neighbours get together and open gardens as a group					
STEP BY STEP Please, describe how to put in practice, guiding with clear instruction and materials needed someone that would like to experiment your tool in a local community garden around Europe					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You need a reasonably well-cared for garden to show people, it can be big or small • Register with the national scheme, as they will help you to organize the opening • If there is no national scheme, why not set up your own scheme with your friends or other people in the community. You could advertise locally and set up a group, choose a charity to support and set the dates for your openings. 					



COMPETENCES Which are the previous knowledge and skills required to put in practice this tool?		
<p>Can you answer yes to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Is your garden interesting?</p> <p>Is the planting and/or design attractive?</p> <p>Is your garden well maintained?</p> <p>Can you offer refreshments if required?</p> <p>Do you enjoy talking about your garden?</p> <p>Are you ready for a fun day?</p> <p>If so, then you have the ideal garden to open...</p>		
EVALUATION How do you normally evaluate the outcomes of this tool?		
<p>There's no formal evaluation for this kind of activity. People just have fun and enjoy exchanging information about gardening.</p>		
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