



DUNDEE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK

A new approach to upscale the involvement of Dundee citizens in local growing has been initiated. In its infancy, the potential to develop an underused 7 hectare site north of the city for fruit and veg growing is being explored. The vision is to create a space where local partnerships can form, where local food and plants are produced and where community groups and individuals sharing the vision, come to learn and grow.

Camperdown Park – existing key components



Following the success and popularity of community growing space around the city, Dundee City Council saw potential to increase the impact city wide through the upscaling of the local community garden. Read the full report [here](#). In partnership with Dundee Social Enterprise Network and the Maxwell Centre funding was obtained, to explore this.

Potential models for Dundee are exciting with public consultation and partnership discussions an integral part of forming the vision. Please contribute to the vision with how you could use a development at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CamperdownGrowingSpace.

To name but a few, early discussions have taken place with organisations including, Criminal Justice, D&A College, Volunteer networks, Green Health Partnership, community gardens and the Trussel Trust.

Involvement from the start, site preparation, hard landscaping and smaller construction projects can provide training opportunities whilst eventual horticultural growing gives learning opportunities additionally for food and nutrition. Embellishing on the council's existing horticultural services at Camperdown are being explored and further partnership work is actively encouraged.



It is hoped a development could assist the supply of vegetable seedlings to community gardens in the city, by utilising existing facilities. By giving community gardeners a head start to their crop, the initiative could complement existing methods of direct sowing whilst contributing to a localised heartier, bumper crop come harvest time.

Further, educational programmes may assist with upskilling and resource provision for a wider growing network. Initial talks with local cafes, and retail outlets have been positive and it is hoped that the eventual sale of fresh produce and products will contribute to an income stream.

Opportunities abound with this exciting development, and to comment or get involved, email Wendy@dundeesen.org and please like us on Facebook for future updates www.facebook/camperdowngrowingpace.

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