



REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM DALKEITH COMMON GOOD FUND – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - 19/4/13

We are currently seeking £3,000 towards plants, bulbs, seeds, compost, wood etc and also towards support costs.

Support costs are estimated at approx. £3,000 per annum and at this stage we are unsure of the start up costs for other materials. We estimate approx. £2,000.

- **Cost of material** – this is a new project therefore at this stage we are unsure about the total cost of materials. However we would appreciate a contribution towards start up costs
- **Volunteers Costs** – We expect the cost of involving volunteers to be approx. £5,900 in year 1 and £5,030 in year 2. These costs include volunteers expenses, training, clothing and equipment. To support the Midlothian Growing to Together project we anticipate the costs will be in approx. £3,000 per year to our organisation. To cover costs such as; management, administration etc.
- **Recruitment of local young people and those with mental health difficulties** - The project will particularly support and encourage young people and those with mental health difficulties to be involved. The Volunteer Centre has experience of supporting these groups in gardening/environment type activities and it has proved to be beneficial to individuals and communities. Our target is to involve 70 people per year. (30 people with mental health difficulties, 20 young people – 24 years and under and also others who wish to participate). Our Transform Project currently involves young people in gardening activities and we have links with local schools. Social work, etc. Our Support into Volunteering Project supports people with mental health difficulties to access volunteering opportunities and gardening/environment options are always a popular choice. Therefore, we are confident we will be about to recruit the required number of volunteers and offer support and training.
- **Treatment of shortfall** - Buccleuch Estates are drawing up a contract to allow us to use the ground for a 2 year period. We also have 2 year funding from SNH to support the project. However we will source further funding in year 2 if this project is successful, which we anticipate it will be. We are aware of the short fall and we are continuing to source other funding. We have two grant applications in progress.
- **Benefits to the inhabitants of Dalkeith** - We aim to make the Community Garden accessible to all local people and we will encourage people to visit and be involved in their Community Garden. Buccleuch Estates and St Mary's Church fully support the project. We hope that local people will take pride in the garden and recognise the involvement of a wide range of people to achieve a beautiful place for local people and visitors to enjoy. We want Dalkeith will be recognised as a place where community spirit and involvement is active.
- See plan of garden attached.

Additional information:

A Gardening Coordinator has been appointed and work will start at beginning May.

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MIDLOTHIAN GROWING TOGETHER PROJECT

Ground situated in Dalkeith Country Park, proposed area for developing a Community Garden. To the right of St Mary's Church near to the Park Entrance.

Directions: Enter through the main gates of Dalkeith Country Park at the end of Dalkeith High Street. Turn right and follow the road which would take you to the Church car park. The area of ground is situated to the right of the car park between the hedge and the wall.

