

Small Grants Fund Case Study



Friends of Pittencrieff Park

What activity did you run?

We bought supplies to run free gardening workshops with inclusive and diverse activities. Our workshops included plastic free gardening, fruit tree pruning, tool sharpening and maintenance, alternative lawns and living walls.

We also have two further workshops on composting and wellness in nature planned for May and June. The workshops focused on what gardeners can do to help positively contribute to the climate crisis.

Some of the supplies we bought included tool sharpening kits, pruning sets, a large amount of plants, compost and tools.

Who were your main audience?

Anyone interested in the workshop themes. We managed to have different people at each one, as not all the workshops interested the same people. This helped us reach a wider audience. Advertising on social media and Eventbrite really helped to draw in an audience that we wouldn't normally reach.

What did you learn?

That there is an untapped audience who want to learn about the impact gardening has on the environment and what actions they can take to make a difference.

In researching for delivery of the workshops, we learnt just how much information you can tap into. We learnt new sustainability approaches that we could take to introduce ourselves as gardening volunteers at Pittencrieff Park.

Has delivering your project increased capacity to tackle the climate emergency in your community?

There is a lack of information for hobby gardeners on its environment impact. It also really opened everyone's eyes to the huge impact gardening has on the climate. For example, that peat bogs being depleted just so we are able to grow plants that aren't even naturalised to our country!

We had a lot of feedback on just how much everyone had learnt and that they had decided to make changes about the way they gardened, such as caring for and repairing the tools they have now rather than buying new ones. The war on gardening plastic was a big topic and something people were blown away by. The skills and knowledge transferred will change gardening in both people's homes and at Pittencrieff Park.

Many people who don't frequent the park attended the workshops. This opened them up to just how much Pittencrieff has to offer. This included the positive impact on their wellbeing just by enjoying the park at each visit. One commented on the calm she felt just walking through the park.

What feedback did attendees give?

"I really enjoyed the interactive activities, I learn better from practical tasks."

"I have learnt more than I thought I would, there's so many changes that can be made I was completely unaware of. Thank you."

"It was very informative and enjoyable."

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Tool repair workshop, Pittencrieff Park