

## Small Grant Fund Case Study

# Kirkcaldy High School Green Spaces

### What activity did you run?

We held an Allotment Open Day to showcase our students work on Hügelkultur.

### Who were your main audience?

The event attracted approximately 50 people from the local community plus 15 pupils and 4 staff.

### What did you learn?

We learned that our local community really care about biodiversity, sustainable growing practices and educating our young people about making a more sustainable future. We also learned that we are not as good as we could be at advertising and promoting events.

### Has your project increased your community's capacity to tackle the climate emergency?

Yes, the climate emergency indirectly. Our focus is on biodiversity and sustainable growing which of course is part of climate action.

Everyone that attended understood what we are trying to achieve. They were impressed specifically with how active and passionate our pupils are. No-one had heard of Hügelkultur so all were enthused and impressed with how improving biodiversity can be achieved with minimal (zero) cost and also how Hügelkultur can be used to grow food crops without the cost of planters and raised beds. I have received donations of large quantities of topsoil to help us as a direct result of our action. I have made connections with a local councillor as well as Youth 1st. Youth 1st sent me information about further funding that will help us continue our action.

### Feedback

Betty McDonald (Youth 1st Support Worker) "We love to see projects involving young people."

S5/S6 pupils LJ, DM, LM "This has been such a great day....when can we do it again?"

Kirsty Collins (Home Economics teacher, KHS) "It is truly amazing what you have

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achieved.”

Yvonne Gilfillan (YMCA Kirkcaldy) “How lovely to be around so many young people from challenging backgrounds who are motivated and care about making a real difference.”

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