

Action plan:

Timeline: When will you be able to start your project? How often will your team meet? Are there any key dates to share for the project?

We are in the process of starting our project so we are ready to start straight away. We have plans to meet twice a week - Tuesdays evenings as part of the Clonoulty Tidy Villages meetings and Wednesday morning workshops with children to engage them with in the planning and making of the garden space.

Some key dates we are planning for include:

22nd August: a community garden launch party to official open the space and share plans for the garden with the community and encourage further community participation

3rd September: we will have a stall at the Clonoulty Vintage Rally to connect with a wider community and share further plans

13th September - organise a school visit to garden and develop school engagement programme in collaboration with the local primary school

Please see attached timeline with further details outlined

Budget: You don't need to share exact prices, but please share how you're planning to spend the seed funding & what costs you're anticipating to get your project up and running:

BUDGET	Amount €	TOTAL
Production and Construction Costs		
Building materials and lumber for vegetable beds x4	400	
Top soil for raised beds	200	
Compost, seeds and plants to get started	100	
Potting shed/ Greenhouse for growing seeds	500	
Subtotal		1200
Young people engagement and Facilitation of educational programme		
Workshop tools	200	
Information Sign to encourage public participation with the garden	400	
Subtotal		600
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,800

Impact: How will your community benefit from this project? Do you have any measurable goals for your project, such as the number of people that will participate? Are you hoping to spread knowledge or increase interest in a specific subject?

This project will:

- Provide new opportunities for residents to interact socially with peers and forge new relationships within the community
- Establish the community garden space as a place for collective learning as well as bringing people together
- Participants will learn new skills in gardening, local biodiversity and the benefits of growing your own food
- Create a legacy project by bringing together community enterprise and the arts
- Provide a valuable opportunity for collaboration and cohesion between local producers and craftspeople and the local school children

Goals

- To run a series of up to 10 workshops to engage the local community and young people
- Develop a garden education programme with the local school for 2024
- Recruit up to 10 new participants to support the management of the garden space
- Engage up to 10 young people from the area in the planning and delivery of the garden space

Location: If your project requires physical space, have you decided the location? Do you have all necessary permission and permits to carry out your project at the chosen location?

Yes, a council owned space on Priest's Road in Clonoulty Village has been identified as a space to develop a community garden and permission has been secured from the local council through the Clonoulty Tidy Villages group

Additional questions

Please answer the questions below as much as you can.

Growing Space will review the information you provide before your kickstart call.

This will help save time and get you started straight on your project once you receive your seed funding!

1) Please take a few pictures of your site (at different time of the day ideally and when the sun is out).

Pictures attached

2) Please write here a small description of what you would ideally like to achieve

Create a community garden in Clonoulty that is accessible to all. Develop the community garden into a space of biodiversity, with sensory experiences, a more active, practical and social space for residents to engage with each other and their surrounding environment in new creative and safe ways. The project will have a focus on promoting the power of collective gardening, growing and food production on positive health and wellbeing, especially within our communities. The garden will include:

- 4 x raised beds suitable for growing a variety of vegetables
- Fruit Trees

- Covered seating area
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Composting
- Stove/Fire Pit
- Herb Garden
- People to look after and take ownership of the garden space
- A regular education programme and creative workshops to engage young people in the area with the garden

3) Please confirm the age group of children you are working with and that will be involved in the implementation of your project

Ages 6 - 12

4) Please give us the estimate of the number of children that your new Mini Growing Space will benefit (can be directly and indirectly)

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5) What activities do you plan to offer that will include your community (other than children) (for instance, parents, neighbours, extended families of children or else, elderly people)

Activities will include facilitated talks and creative workshops in planning and designing the garden space and building workshops. We will facilitate a series of creative workshops, including printmaking, textiles and poster making based around the material and aesthetic qualities of vegetables and herbs grown in the garden to offer alternative perspectives and ways to engage with the space. Tea and cake evenings will be hosted in the garden and summertime events around special times of the year such as harvest time. We will facilitate talks and discussions around mindfully sourcing, growing, harvesting, drying, preserving and storing vegetables and herbs.

6) What do you already have in your site that can be reused (material, structures etc)?

- 2 water butts
- A number of tables and benches donated by the local community,
- A wildflower garden
- A container garden created out of upcycled objects donated by the community, including tyres, a drain pipe, a trough, old chimneys, some old railway sleepers
- A herb bed
- 5 miniature apple trees

7) Water access - please state if you have water access on your site and if you are willing to install a water butt (not obligatory)

We have already been donated 2 water butts but would like to get a hose attachment for it.

8) Please confirm in writing here that you have permission from a manager or landlord (of the building or head of a school (as necessary) that says that they are happy to make the improvement of their outdoor space and let you lead the project.

The location we have earmarked for the mini growing space is council owned and we have permission granted from the county council to use this space.