



Community Growing Project Newsletter May 2015

Kitchen Canny Workshop

The food waste reduction workshop was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks to Hannah Milne from Changeworks who delivered an interactive and informative program, to change attitudes to food waste and help household begin making savings. Everyone attending received a Kitchen Canny kit, courtesy of Horshader Community Development, to make the changes that will help reduce their food waste. We would be keen to hear of savings made by those who attended over the coming weeks. Get in touch, email finlay@horshader.com. We hope to roll out this initiative to the rest of the Horshader community to help reduce food waste in the area



First Harvest of the Year

We began to harvest the first fruits of this year's crop, early potatoes, peas, cabbage, lettuce and turnips sown in January being enjoyed on plates across the Westside. The new ordering system which began on the 18th of May has worked effectively, and has helped us reduce our waste and make CO2 emissions savings. To place your order for produce either visit the polycrub site and place your order with David Murdo or call the office on 701225. Stock will vary weekly, regular updates will be made on the Facebook page or call the office to find out the latest availability. Pictured below is Malachi collecting a monster cabbage for his Granny.



Tool recycling



Do you have any old tools lying around? Are they getting in the way? Don't know how to get rid of them? The Growing Project team is keen to encourage tool recycling, if you have any neglected gardening tools we gladly accept donations, the tools would be put to good at the growing units. Bring your old tools to Raebhat House or the Growing Units, and help us reduce our CO2 emissions.





SURF Workshop

Following from winning the Surf Awards Community Led Regeneration category in December 2014, Horshader Community Growing Project was represented at Scotregen workshop in Edinburgh. The event was hosted by North Edinburgh Grows at North Edinburgh Arts, in Muirhouse. The event was attended by various groups and organisation interested in community regeneration, including other community growing projects, community regeneration groups, funding bodies and local government's representatives. The work of our project impressed other groups looking to regenerate their communities.

Volunteering

As we officially enter the summer season (good weather on its way soon) the work load at the growing unit increases, we welcome local volunteers to support the work of the project. Any assistance is greatly appreciated from a few irregular hours, here and there, to longer spells.

Get in Touch

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Visit our Facebook page for regular news, updates, & pictures: www.facebook.com/HorshaderGrowing

Blas an Fhèis

This year we are partnering with the Hebridean Celtic Festival and will be hosting an event at the polycrub site in Shawbost on Thursday 16th July, as part of Blas an Fhèis, a festival of food and music. This will form part of a four day food festival which will run in conjunction with the music festival in Stornoway, and part of the Year of Food and Drink 2015. We will be providing fresh produce to the four day programme of cookery events. There will be running a shuttle bus service from Ionad na Seann Sgoil to the Growing Units on the day, please make use of this service if you are attending.



Fèill – Food Festival



Saturday 4th July, an Lanntair, the Growing Project will have a stall promoting the work and aims of the project at this festival. Highlighting the diversity of local food production and traditional recipes. Come along and experience the variety of local food and drink production.



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