

## Growing Together: The UCD Community Garden

What is the title of your project	Growing Together: The UCD Community Garden Project
What is the aim, impact and expected outcomes of this Project	<p>Community gardens are an inclusive environment where generations mix, share knowledge and promote healthy food and sustainable environments. Not all of us know how food is grown, where it comes from or how to create a healthy and sustainable environment. The aim of this project is to build a community garden at Rosemount by using the existing vegetable garden, poly tunnel and fruit trees in order to provide staff, students and local communities with a place to work together, to grow fruits, vegetables and flowers. This project will complement the recently established apiary at Rosemount. Growing Together will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use sustainable horticulture practices to develop a Community Garden at UCD and enhance Social Capital within UCD. Horticulture skills will be taught through peer learning with expert advice from horticulture staff and advanced growers. Canning and preserving practices as well as seed collections will be taught alongside cooking recipes that will be available online.</li> <li>● The UCD Community Garden will contribute to the health and well-being of both staff, students and local communities.</li> <li>● When established the UCD Community Garden could be used to bring in students from outside primary or secondary schools to show them how food and flowers are grown and to promote UCD's educational offerings, in particular its degrees in horticulture, biology, environment and landscape architecture.</li> <li>● In addition, the UCD Community Garden could act as a platform for wider local community engagement. Horticulture practices could be shared with local gardeners for example.</li> </ul> <p>The UCD Community Garden will be open to visitors: members of staff, students, prospective students from all disciplines, and visitors to the University. The garden would be a showcase for community involvement. This project would contribute to the improvement in the health and well-being of staff and students by providing stress relief, in particular during the examination/assessment periods. The UCD Community Garden will provide healthy non intensive exercise in an outdoor environment. A new healthy "Green" Gym !</p> <p>Visitors from students in PLC and IT horticulture colleges would see first-hand some of what they can expect from UCD and a full Level 8 horticulture degree.</p>

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<p><b>What are the origins of this proposal?</b></p>	<p>This is a project that has been building for the last two years or more with the re-establishment of a working vegetable garden and a polytunnel and the recent establishment of the Horticulture Society (2014). There is already a workforce in place and a keen interest and will!</p> <p>The idea originated from formal feedback during module reviews, informal feedback for existing and former students and the desire to contribute to the UCD Community using horticulture, environmental and botanical skills.</p>
<p><b>List up to six key milestones and their proposed dates.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchasing of tools (November 2015)</li> <li>• Establishing a shed and supportive garden elements (e.g. additional raised beds) (November/January 2016)</li> <li>• Preparing the beds for planting (March 2016)</li> <li>• Plan crop rotations (November 2015 to Feb 2016)</li> <li>• Planting over wintering crops and green manures (November 2015 to March 2016)</li> <li>• Contact PLC and IT colleges running horticulture courses along with other schools in the area. Links have already been establish with ITB and WIT (Botanic Gardens)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Briefly outline the project budget and define any non financial resources required to complete the project.</b></p>	<p>6x trowels @ €10 each = €60          6x spades @ €30 each = €180          2x garden rake @€25 each = €50          2x leaf rakes @€12.50each = €25          1x pickaxe @€30 each = €30          6x Trowels @€8each = €48          2x Wheel barrow @€70 each= €140          2x Watering can@ €10each = €20          Seeds €50          Seed potatoes €30          Onion sets €25          Garden hose €50          Protective netting €80          Stakes €50          Canes €25          Box screws €40</p> <p>Total =€903</p>

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<b>What will be the legacy of this project?</b>	<p>This project will be kept running by staff, members of the Horticulture Society and students and will continue to promote UCD Community activities. It will contribute to the health and well-being of students and staff, provide a real engagement with local communities in particular, with schools in the immediate area of Belfield. It will enhance the appearance of the Belfield campus. It will act to show prospective students the expertise available in UCD horticulture, botany and environmental studies.</p> <p>When the project is complete, what will the outputs be?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A working vegetable, fruit and flower garden where people can come to work, learn, teach and enjoy the outdoors in a practical learning environment.</li> <li>● A way of integrating Rosemount and the rest of the Belfield campus</li> <li>● The production of organic or pesticide free fruit and vegetables</li> <li>● A promotion of UCD's Horticulture, botanical and Environment degrees.</li> <li>● a webservice of tips, protocols, recipes and other garden friendly subjects</li> </ul>
<b>Please tick the box below to indicate agreement to abide by the Terms and Conditions of the SPARC initiative</b>	<p>I agree</p>
<b>List the project team members and include the following details for each member, Name, Programme/School/Unit and stage (in the case of students). A short (30 words max) explanation of why each person is suited to their role in the project should also be included.</b>	<p>Dr Owen Doyle: Head of horticulture, landscape and Sportsturf management.          Dr Emmanuel G. Reynaud, Lecturer in Cell Biologist, Keen gardener          Dr Brian Tobin Post Doctoral Research Fellow Level 2 School of Agriculture, Food Science &amp; Veterinary Medicine          Mr Kevin Kenny Technician with School of Agriculture and Food Science, based in Rosemount. Experienced horticulturist willing to share his vast knowledge          Ms Eva Ziggio Horticulture, Landscape &amp; Sportsturf Management Stage 4(HLSM 4)          Eva is well spoken and will be liaison for visiting schools, clubs and colleges          Mr Conor Brennan Horticulture, (HLSM 4)          A founding member of DCU Grow Your Own Soc. Worked in amenity, food production, and botany research previously. Eager to share knowledge and learn.          Mr Luke Kearney Forestry, Stage 2          Luke is the owner of a small holding and is a keen gardener with skills he wishes to pass on to others          Mr Edmond Kirwan (HLSM 2)          Edmond has his own allotment since 2010 and he is willing to share his knowledge and experiences.          All above mentioned will be contributing to the physical labour aspect of the project.</p>
<b>Is this project team complete?</b>	<p>Yes</p>

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<b>If you answered 'no' to the question above please indicate the role(s) that remain to be filled on your project team.</b>	
<b>How will staff/student partnership be achieved through this project?</b>	<p>This project will build on the existing engagement of both staff and students in the existing vegetable patch and the new Apiary at Rosemount. Staff and students will work together and share the common goal of producing food and developing a healthy environment. The engagement of staff through mentoring with expert horticulture, botanical and environment knowledge will facilitate student learning through practical activities. Students both national and international will have additional opportunities to mix and establish new friendships.</p> <p>A staff/student partnership will be created for during the summer months which can also helped with international students visiting over the summer.</p> <p>The project will necessitate a credible partnership between staff and students - the work balance does not have to be equal but all project team members will be expected to make a valuable practical contribution to the UCD Community Garden.</p>
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<b>When the project is complete will there be elements that require continued funding in order to be sustainable?</b>	It is envisaged that members of the UCD Community Garden will make direct benefit-in-kind contributions by way of their labour and annual financial contributions for the purchase of seeds and plant materials. A successful UCD Community Garden could host a range of festivals, Apple Blossom in May, Harvest Festival in Autumn and practical classes during the growing season.
<b>What is the expected duration of this project?</b>	The duration of this project will be ongoing for years to come, but our initial set goals will be completed within nine to twelve months.