

SMALL POPPY NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS

Tips for establishing a Neighbourhood Gardening Club



LOCAL PEOPLE + GOOD IDEAS + ACTION = A BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD

A great way to get to know your neighbours is to share knowledge with like minded people. Establishing a Gardening Club gets neighbours together on a regular basis to share their knowledge, skills, and resources to improve each others gardens.

Step 1: Put the thought out there.

- Create a flyer outlining your idea.
 - How often do you want to meet? Do you want the meeting to be at a neutral place i.e. your local neighbourhood house?
 - Ask people what they can bring to the club: knowledge; equipment; enthusiasm; plants and seeds?
 - Perhaps you could establish an equipment resource library to loan to other members (lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, wheel barrows etc.)
 - Do you want there to be a cost for membership so that items can be purchased on behalf of the club or do you want it to be at no cost to the member?

Once the flyer has been created do a letter drop in your local area with an RSVP date and an email address or phone number to be contacted on.

Step 2: Gather together the people and define how your club will run.

- How your Club will run? This will be determined by your members. Do you want to have regular meetings? Where and When? Do you want to have backyard Blitzes for members? All this and more can be set down in your Club charter. Don't make it too serious; remember it's supposed to be fun.

Step 3: Get together and share the love.

- Enjoy an active, healthy pastime with your community. Get to know your neighbours and help each other with their gardens.