

Programme

week 1 - Perennials, fertilisers, pollination and propagation - gardening buzz words explained

An introduction to the garden and participants. Learning about specific gardening challenges which each participant encounters in his or her garden (window-sill gardeners are also welcome to join!)

week 2 - Recycling and reusing in the garden

We will explore different ways to garden more responsibly by showcasing different methods for planting seeds and plants. We will also discuss “slow gardening” vs “fast gardening” trends, pros and cons of different approaches.

week 3 - Composting in an urban setting

Is it possible to avoid plastic and peat when gardening in an urban setting?; exploration of different composting methods and their suitability for small-scale town gardens. We will also look at different types of compost and soil and discuss which growing medium is suitable for different applications.

week 4 - Propagation by seed and propagation by cuttings

Not every plant comes from a plastic pot! We will talk about different methods in “slow gardening” and explore how to make our approach to creating green spaces more sustainable and free of single-use plastic.

Week 5 - Growing edibles in urban gardens – fantasy or reality?

Discussing possibilities of growing different types of edible plants, including herbs. Introduction to seasonality and the suitability of various crops to grow in small spaces and limited sunlight.

week 6 - Sustainable watering

We will examine ways of using water effectively in our gardening look at different methods of water management in our gardens, including rain water storage, automatic watering and irrigation

New for Spring 2021

Location: Fircroft Garden Hub (beautiful new green space built amazingly over the past year!)

Participants: No prior gardening experience required but any keen gardeners are welcome to join and share their gardening knowledge!

1 child 10yrs+ is welcome to join a paying adult participant for free.

Round 1 - 17th April - 22nd May

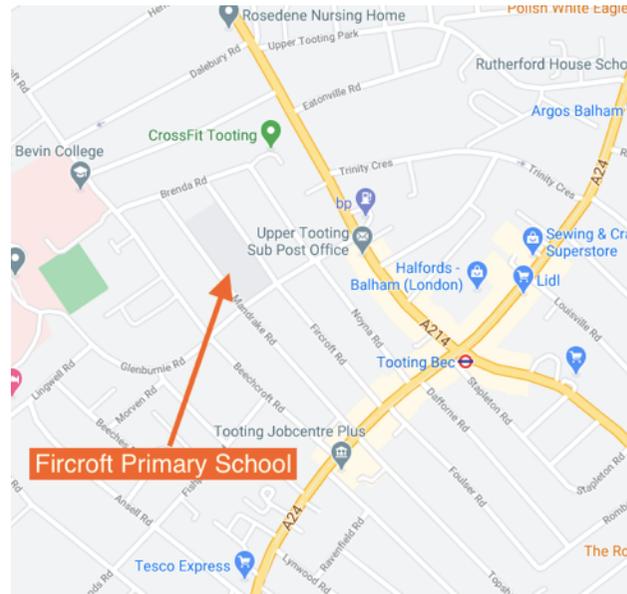
Round 2 - 12th June - 17th July

Time: Saturdays 10.00-12.00

Price: £120 for a 6-week course

Book at: www.think-outside.org.uk

*NOTE: All the proceeds from this course will be fed into the **Green Recovery Programme** – post-Covid gardening workshops for all the children at Fircroft Primary School.*



Sustainable Gardening in an Urban Setting

6-week adult gardening course

Fircroft Primary School

Round 1: Starting 17th April

Round 2: Starting 12 June



Join us this Spring!
Fircroft Garden Hub!
Every Saturday!
Real garden!
Physical people!
Live plants!



Participants

This course is for adult participants. Subject to availability parents can also bring 1 child 10yrs+ free of charge to participate in the course. Children must stay with their parents at all times during the gardening sessions.

Programme to discuss, reflect and learn

Different focus of each session will allow participants to explore different challenges, specific to gardening in an urban environment.



Each workshop will consist of:

- A discussion of current challenges (both global and those directly related to participants)
- Exploring possible solutions suitable specifically for urban gardening
- A hands-on planting or propagating activity with a gardening starter kit to take home

Also, there will be a tea break to allow participants to get to know each other and exchange garden stories and discuss past experiences.

Need more information?

Please contact Beata on 07 932 400 593

or visit

www.think-outside.org.uk

think be creative
outside think independently
work together
grow and nurture



Covid restrictions

We will be working outdoors and have separate gardening kits for each participant to use during classes. There is plenty of space in the garden hub to socially distance during our workshops. We will follow government guidelines for the exact numbers of participants for all the sessions in each round (up to 15 adult participants each, depending on Covid guidelines at the time).