Gardens of Sanctuary

- A realisation of the potential of community growing spaces
- Barriers specific to refugee and asylum seekers
- The Partnership:
  - FCFCG, Permaculture Association, City of Sanctuary, The Grange
- Funding to research the idea
- UK wide survey
- Report in Spring 2018
Online survey respondents

139 respondents (growing spaces)

32 respondents (refugee and asylum organisations)
Why don’t you currently work with refugees and asylum seekers?

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<th>Reason</th>
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<td>We don’t have the funding</td>
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<td>We only work with a particular client group, which doesn’t include refugees and asylum seekers</td>
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<td>We don’t feel able to support them</td>
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<td>We don’t have the appropriate training</td>
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<td>We don't have the staff/volunteer time</td>
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<td>We don't know how to engage them</td>
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<td>We haven't been able to engage them</td>
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<td>There are none in our area</td>
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<td>Don’t know</td>
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## Survey Results

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<th>What barriers or problems have you experienced working with refugees and asylum seekers</th>
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<td>Not knowing what rights they have</td>
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<td>Not knowing what other support is available for them</td>
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<td>Mental health issues</td>
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<td>Not knowing how to reach or engage them in the first...</td>
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<td>Not knowing how to help or what to say</td>
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<td>Secondary trauma</td>
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<td>Lack of staff/volunteer training in working with this group</td>
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<td>Shortage of staff/volunteer time</td>
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<td>Cultural differences</td>
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<td>Language barriers/communication difficulties</td>
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What are the benefits of engaging with a community growing space?

- Having access to free or low cost fresh produce: 72%
- Gaining work experience/employability skills: 33%
- Learning new skills: 61%
- Increased confidence: 61%
- Increased integration with local community: 83%
- Improved language skills: 78%
- Improved mental health: 72%
- Improved physical health: 50%
- Making new friends: 83%
Case Studies

- The Comfrey Project, Newcastle
- Global Gardens, Cardiff
- Growing Together, Levenshulme, Manchester
- Gardens of Refuge, London
- Maryhill Integration Network, Glasgow
- New Roots, Bristol
- Martineau Gardens, Birmingham
- The Grange, West Norfolk
- SAGE, Sheffield
Why Gardens of Sanctuary?
Improved mental health
Improved community integration
Sharing and learning skills
Part of the City of Sanctuary movement
Please help us!

– Who has worked with refugees and asylum seekers?
– Questions:
  – How much do you know about the UK asylum system?
  – How well do you feel you are able to engage with local refugees and asylum seekers?
  – How well do you feel you are able to work with and support traumatised people, including survivors of torture?
Group work

– Where are the opportunities to engage refugees and asylum seekers in your own work/projects?
– What do you see as the challenges?
– What support or resources would help you work with refugees and asylum seekers?
Where next?

- Challenges
- Report and literature review
- Events
- Resource pack
- Ideas for Phase 2
- Stay in touch

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