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**FarmStart
Manchester**
Growing new growers

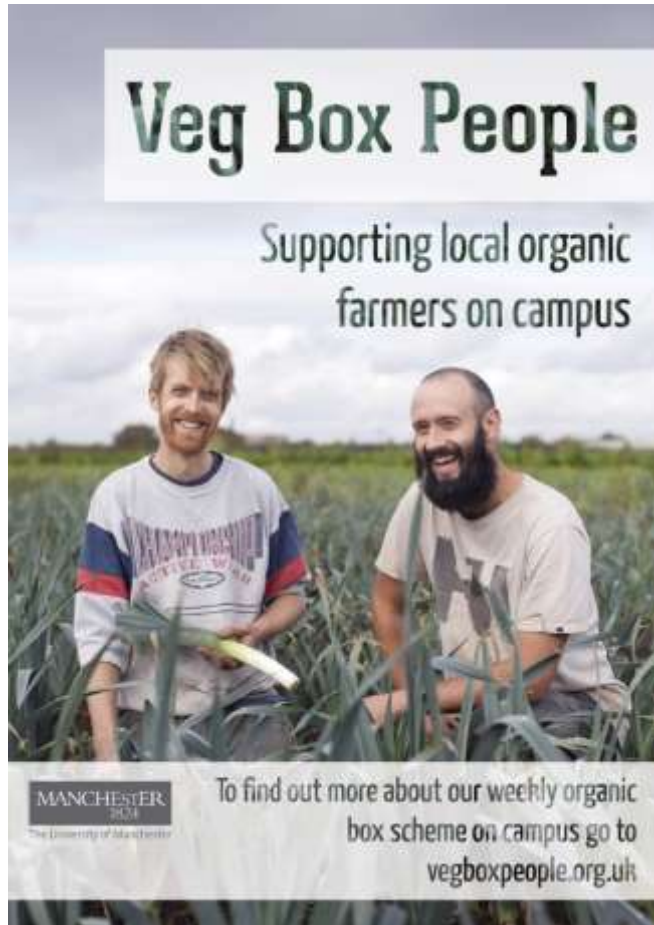
Access to land



Training and mentoring



Creating Fairer Markets



Veg Box People

Supporting local organic farmers on campus

MANCHESTER 2024
The University of Manchester

To find out more about our weekly organic box scheme on campus go to vegboxpeople.org.uk



We are...
MANCHESTER Veg people
Keeping it fresh, organic & local

We work with local growers to bring you fresh organic veg that you can trust, and this is why...

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Equipment

Hand tools to use and try out to help decide

2 wheel tractor

Tractor at next farm

Progression

Through the programme – from 1st year alongside grower to own ½ acre+ section

Training on searching for land

People moved on to: rent from farmers, work with parks & join existing co-op

Application process

Intro session & Volunteering days

Application – including experience & business idea



Finances

Cost to establish FarmStart

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| Basic services | 0 | £2,600 |
| Containers & Polytunnel | £12,000 | £7,000 |
| Tools & machinery | £10,000+ | £6,500 |
| Total | £22,000+ | £16,000 |

Cost to run FarmStart

| Wage | £19,000 |
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| Seeds, compost, materials | £2,300 |
| External training & visits | £1500+ |
| Other (certification) | £1500 |
| Total | £25,000+ |

Cost to participant: £600 (£500 + vat)

Additional costs - project development & ongoing management & support

Reflections

Differences - summary

Starting point and levels

Land not for long term
use (yet)

Different training & levels
of training



What's gone well

Being small - able to respond & adapt

Relationships with the land owners

Helping people decide if it's for them – putting people off!
Supporting others.

Being part of this group & developing this network

Challenges

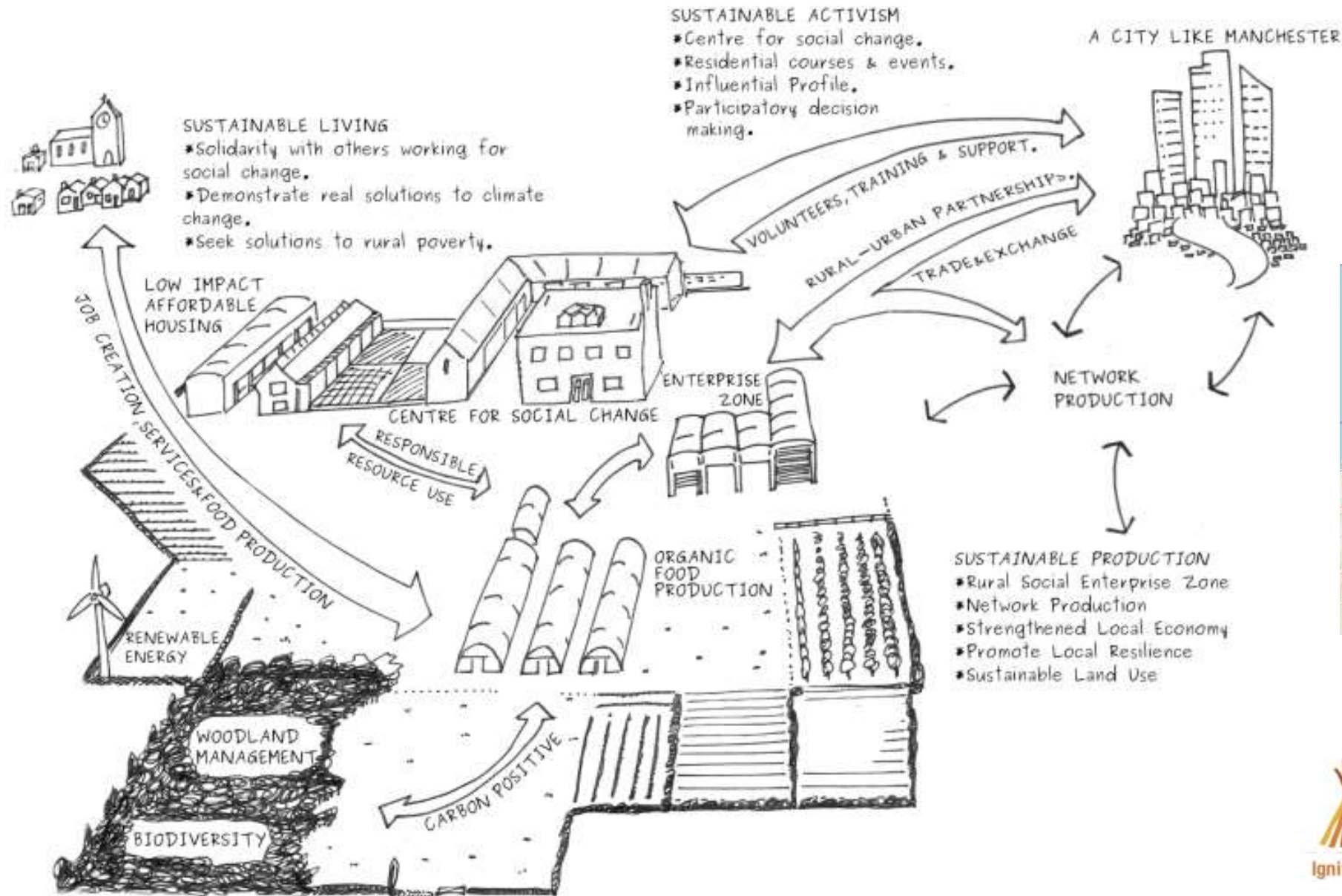
Lots!....

Expectations – be clear
and put it in writing

Different needs

Resources and running
out of them

THE FUTURE: The Kindling Farm



200 acre farm

<50 miles of Greater Manchester





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