Through a series of workshops, the Community Gardens Beyond Communities programme brought together policy makers, community activists and academic partners from several countries. The aim was to build capacity to influence individual and collective changes that mobilise local communities to actively address environmental challenges – such as reusing organic waste and food production – and strengthen links with wider urban issues that impact vulnerable groups.

In these seminars our partners gave an overview of their projects and the outcomes of their workshops. For more information, visit the Community Gardens web page.
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“We work together to produce something of value to the community.”

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This programme focused on the role of local community activism in addressing climate change and related challenges faced by urban centres.

Following Purcell and Tyman’s (2014) assertion that growing food can be a ‘radical intervention’ in city life, we explored the creation and development of community food growing including community gardens and the potential for these initiatives to create synergies for wider environmental change beyond local communities by influencing, stimulating and supporting behavioural and attitudinal change.

The principles underpinning community gardens (e.g. collaboration, cohesion, shared activity/goals) can be strong drivers to influence behavioural and attitudinal change in the urban environment (Lefebvre, 1990). The programme also explored how community food growing and community gardens can create positive impacts on health as well as space for diverse voices to come together in collective action to enhance rights, choices and decisions across the urban environments and reclaim residents’ right to the city (Harvey, 2003).

The programme involved the collaboration of community activists, and academic partners from Scotland, Brazil, Nepal, Mexico, Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda through a series of participatory and creative online workshops. The workshops brought people together who are interested in community food growing and who have created and are involved in community gardens to learn from each other.

Consequently, the programme was able to document and compare the challenges and structural barriers faced by practitioners and community activists when trying to discuss the impact of global issues at a local level, and investigate what opportunities are available to create local environmental sustainability in a range of contexts.

Areas of investigation included:

- the nature of ‘community’ in community gardens
- community gardens’ potential for building capacity and increasing communitarian bonds
- activists’ role in working towards hegemonic change in relation to changing the behaviours and attitudes at a local level to achieve the sustainable development goals

This programme focused on the Scottish Universities Insight Institute’s (SUII) goal of accelerating progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals through changing behaviours and attitudes with an emphasis on SDG 13 (Climate Action) but there are also strong links to other SDG’s including poverty (SDG1), zero hunger (SDG2), good health and well-being (SDG3), and sustainable cities and communities (SDG11).

The programme also provided an opportunity to explore how universities can be more active in connecting with local communities, and make bridges with diverse disciplinary fields, to increase capacity locally and internationally.
Workshops were organised in each of the partner countries that then fed into the production of a short video and presentation. These outputs comprised the components of a monthly international seminar series over 7 months.

Key questions addressed during local workshops focussed on:
1. What defines “community garden” in the country context?
2. What are the wider social issues connected to the experiences of “community gardens” in each country?
3. What can be learned from these experiences in relation to:
   a) Food security
   b) Community mobilisation
   c) Educational practices
   d) Environmental awareness and change
   e) Just transitions to carbon zero and promotion of new energy systems
   f) Influencing and changing behaviour
   g) The impact of Covid-19 pandemic

Each nominated local partner was asked to organise local workshops, to work with the project team on the co-design of project activities, the seminar series, reports and other outputs.

The project approach followed three stages involving the gathering, sharing and exchanging of evidence and learned lessons from diverse international experiences that engaged community activism and environmental challenges.

Project partners were asked to discuss key areas of interest in line with the project themes and identify strategic topics for presentation and discussion during the international seminar series.

Each partner produced a 5 min video and 25 minute presentation available on the SUII website here: https://bit.ly/3KLDh5b

The key insights from the programme related to the importance of:
- Connecting people (including children) with nature
- Connecting to broader issues including urban space and ownership;
- Mobilisation and the rights to the city, intersectionality, bringing people together and using community space as a moderator;
- Looking outwards ‘into’ the community and the political areas of opportunity.
In Brazil, the concept of "community gardens" does not fully capture the reality of the diverse and historical experiences of urban agriculture. Urban agriculture varies according to the territories, the people and their struggles. The examples of urban quilombos and resistance throughout our history to the present day, shows how agriculture can be a form of cultural struggle and insurgent citizenship.

The social function of community gardens is to fight for the right to land and to raise awareness of the importance of community gardens as a tool to fight against gender and domestic violence and those affected by drug trafficking. “It’s more than planting, we are working with connections between the neighbourhood. The community space has the capability to expand beyond the backyard and help promote discussions where food and seedlings are the tools.”

Every project involved in social and political movements change/engage and bring people together. The cohesion is built around historical struggles with many people from different social classes. But now people are coming together to grow food. Rights have been gained the hard way and we must maintain our basic social rights and complex networks and links across the City. We must keep traditions alive and seek ways of supporting farmers to cultivate in Rio de Janeiro.

CAPINA (Cooperation for Projects of Alternative Inspiration) and CEM (Serra da Misericordia Integration Center) presented a seminar together about their activities in Brazil. They shared their experiences highlighting different dimensions of urban agriculture and issues related to food sovereignty in metropolitan territories; activism, popular economies, struggle for social rights and for public policies, farmers Collectives and Community Kitchens, considering the political Brazilian context and focus on Rio de Janeiro Metropolitan Region’s challenges.
Our urban agriculture is part of the fight for food sovereignty, social rights, and public policy in the face of structural racism, deforestation and legislative manipulation.

Community kitchens fight domestic and gender violence.

Quilombos are communities founded by escaped slaves during Brazil’s colonial past. There are 5 in Rio de Janeiro.

Community gardens offer training, education and workshops.

Community gardens also host projects such as community mapping.

Gardens can offer support and alternatives in areas vulnerable to the drug trade.

Community gardens offer a focus point for people to meet, share and organise.

Fruit and veg stalls offer families and communities a source of income.
Nepal has been an agricultural country for most of its history and even now two thirds of the population is directly involved in agriculture. Although urbanisation is happening all around the country and some people have moved on to newer occupations for their livelihood, agriculture is still very much a part of people's lives. Knowledge is passed on from elders to younger people to enables them to practice agriculture even in the urban settings.

Women grow vegetables in their backyards using compost that they made from their kitchen waste. They use the produce to supplement their income or for their own consumption. Having a backyard vegetable garden is the expected norm in Nepal if they have the land. Free farm lands are hard to come by in urban areas however, so many people have resorted to rooftop farming ("Kaushi Kheti") instead where people grow different food crops in flower pots or old recycled buckets which is enough for their family.

Agriculture is also a community effort in many areas where a public or community land is used to cultivate crops which is then distributed among the people or sold to add to the community budget. Public lands such as those in schools are used for agriculture and the school children themselves are involved in cultivating flowers and vegetables. This effort is part of their regular schoolwork where they learn about nature as well as community collaboration. These community gardens teach young people as well as adults about cooperation for the common good and foster a communal bond. The potential for collaboration with local governments could ensure that community gardens have an even bigger impact.

Rooftops gardens are very popular in urban settings due to lack of growing space and this has helped people's physical, mental health and wellbeing. This has had a positive effect as neighbours inspire each other to grow their own rooftop garden. Training was provided about how to start rooftop gardening which also included making compost. PSD Nepal have also instigated community engagement activities to look at setting up community gardens on the back of the success for the rooftop gardening projects.

*(Partnership for Sustainable Development, Kathmandu, Nepal).*
Special courses for rooftop gardening

My neighbours also started planting after seeing my rooftop garden.

During the Covid-19 lockdown we had more time to cultivate our gardens at home.

Collecting over 40,000 PET plastic bottles per month from the mountains.

Plastic pavilion environmental education site in Lang Tang National Park.

In the Friendship Garden the children plant and harvest food.

Planting trees and local plants and vegetables at schools.

By instilling in young children the importance of environmental stewardship we will plant the seeds for new generations to create a brighter future for themselves.

Bishnu Bhatta is one of the founders of PSD Nepal, a Nepali NGO dedicated to helping vulnerable people and communities in Nepal.

COMMUNITY GARDENS WORKING WITH SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES IN NEPAL

Talk on Wednesday 29th September 2021 by Bishnu Hari Bhatta from PSD Nepal.
This is the story of PermoAfrica Permaculture training centre, which has seeded community growing initiatives across 40+ local villages.

PermoAfrica has become a demonstration and training hub for the Homa bay county region in Kenya. The on-going outreach program is providing many insights into how we can roll out permaculture across wider communities.

Permaculture has helped people connect back to their own land, knowledge and skills and helped bring communities together again through growing and learning. Permaculture is very good at drawing on local knowledge it reminds people of the skills that grandparents would have used, it invites a contribution of local knowledge and draws on what is unique to that local community. It also helps us focus on finding natural local leaders and empower them with the tools to then engage a wider audience, that is the formula.

PermoAfrica Training has help eradicate food poverty for over 1 million people! Paul had the drive and determination to see his germ of an idea set seed into fruition. In 2018 through crowd funding he was able to build a classroom and work with Elders to release land for this. The design for the space always took into consideration the local environment resources. For example, as it is a semi-arid area it is essential to think about water catchment and storage in the design elements. A food forest was also created, and the area now is an oasis of green and healthy produce. Paul has also managed to create wider networks and partnerships across the region.

The have run activities for learning on soil health and worm farming, fish farming, seed saving and created a seed bank. Here they also demonstrate approaches such as keyhole gardening and using what materials are available locally. PermoAfrica is now a hub connected to 40/50 surrounding villages it demonstrates the importance of learning how we can live globally and be relevant to your own local community.

(PermoAfrica Training, Homa Bay, Kenya).
PERMACULTURE TRAINING AND OUTREACH FOR LOCAL FOOD SECURITY IN KENYA

The project started in 2011 - 14 with exchange trips between Wales and Uganda, then Kenya and Rwanda.

PERMACULTURE PROCESS

It's about spotting those opportunities. No waste. That means people and time and other kinds of resources that perhaps we don't always think about.

We are in a world of many challenges.

Sack gardens - a quick, cheap and easy way to grow at home.

Our biggest limits are seeds, tools & water.

Permaculture is a no waste system.

Focused on using readily available and waste materials.

EDUCATE by answering peoples questions.

give people the tools to REPLICATE it in their own way.

DEMONSTRATE that it works.

A keyhole bed is a uniquely shaped raised bed with a compost basket in the middle.

PermaAfrica is a permaculture training centre in Homa Bay, Kenya.

After taking a course with Sector 39 Paul Agola founded PermaAfrica.

PermaAfrica's mission is to end food poverty in Homa Bay (1 million people).

PERMACULTURE TRAINING AND OUTREACH FOR LOCAL FOOD SECURITY IN KENYA

Talk on Wednesday 27th October 2021 by Steven Jones from Sector 39 and Paul Agola from PermaAfrica.
For this seminar, the presentation and short film came from a small number of community gardens based in Dundee and Fife in Scotland. People Learning about Nature in Tayport (PLANT), Strathkinness Community Garden in Fife, the MAXwell Centre, Kilchattan Bay Orchard and Community Garden, Gracemount Community Garden, Ninewells Community Garden, and Campy Growers in Dundee.

The presentation focused on how these community gardens create space for people to come together to grow food and learn more about their local natural environment. Each of the seven gardens discussed their work including how they aimed to increase people’s health and well-being as well as raising awareness about the environment and the climate crisis. They encourage, support, and enable people to learn more about climate change and to change behaviour and attitudes by creating local opportunities to make a difference. The projects also discussed their community education work including their work with young people, food security and societal change, community orchards, community & zero carbon and soil health.

“It is important to empower people to eat better while making the whole city more resilient to climate pressures and also help to reverse biodiversity loss.”

Campy Growers, Dundee, Scotland

“I love the fact that it’s become such a focal point in the community, that brings together a diverse range of volunteers who come together, socially, but also to work together to produce something of value to the community.”

PLANT, Fife, Scotland
Many gardens work closely with hospitals, mental health services, elder care, disabilities and addiction services.

Pollinator plants such as geraniums in orchards increases fruit yield.

Compost/ manure/ mulch
newspaper/ cardboard
grass & weeds
existing soil

No dig gardening uses homemade compost and excluding light to control weeds allowing soil micro organisms, fungi and worms to flourish.

social space where people can meet

Volunteers help walk children to the garden which can be a barrier for school classes.

A safe nurturing environments for children who need it most.

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‘outdoor classrooms’ for local schools during the Covid-19 lockdown.

Gardening offers people important exercise, improving mental and physical health.

Cookery classes teach people to cook with fresh, local veggies.

Talk on Wednesday 25th December 2021 by Alison Goodfellow, Alison Goodfellow, Kate Treharne, Colleen Allwood, Robert Bilson, Jan Davidson and Hugo Whitaker.
Partners for this seminar:
Eastern Uganda Permaculture Organization
Permaculture Association
S39 Academy of Permaculture

Demonstrate – Education – Replicate, our mantra for success.

Ideas grew, for example, we use permaculture to design effective systems and developed a low energy stove. The stove uses less fuel, which is less impact on forests and less smoke which means better health in the community. Building the stoves requires quite a bit manual labour that brings the community together with amazing results that transform communities. Deborah went on to influence installation of 400 stoves in her community, every household now has a low energy stove!

Community gardens help create synergies, system thinking and better efficiency. Permaculture is design that meet the needs of communities as opposed to trying to make money.

It’s a reawakening of things that people have been doing for centuries and we can help show communities how to do it themselves using resources that are common in the natural environment of their community.

The low energy stove sits within a mindset of permaculture design, to give the community information to bring about change themselves, by people from the community.

(Sector 39, Teso, Kumi, Eastern Uganda).
The LORENA STOVE uses 80% less wood than an open fire.

Deborah has helped all 400 households in her community adopt this technology into their homes.

KUMI Happy Home is a collaboration between Wales, Uganda and Korea.

We started through the Wales For Africa program teaching people permaculture design.

Clusters of students have been most successful in leading community change.

Co-operatives sell surplus produce to get money for the community for education etc.

We often work with people already engaged in other community work.

Traditionally people in Uganda used to bring food together to share and eat as a community.

Learning to propagate trees rather than buy them.

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Gerald Jagwe studied with Sector 39 and went on to co-found the Permaculture Research Institute of Uganda.

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Steven Jones is the founder of Sector 39, a permaculture training centre that works locally and internationally.

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Talk on Wednesday 26th January 2022 by Steven Jones from Sector 39 and Gerald Jagwe from the Eastern Ugandan Permaculture Organisation.

TESO: A PERSPECTIVE ON COMMUNITY GARDENS FROM EASTERN UGANDA

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Rwanda is the land of a 1000 hills. It is a small nation with a high population. There are issues of malnutrition within communities and a will to create a new positive legacy from the one of genocide. No food no life.

Rwandan Women’s Permaculture have come together around building and maintaining a school garden in the their district in Southern Rwanda. The women have learned a lot about working with schools and in the process a strong mutual support group has formed. Rose Nibagwire, who established the group, is now preparing to link in with partners across East Africa through the S39 Academy of Permaculture to share learning and best practice and to build more educational teams for women and their families.

(Academy of Permaculture Community Gardens Rwanda).

Tampico’s community gardens are working to shift attitudes by allowing people without access to private gardens the opportunity to learn gardening skills and grow vegetables, trees and ornamental plants. Participants learn about the effort required for food production and the effects of climate change. They plant and conserve trees, which are increasingly rare outside private gardens in Tampico. They also become more interested in native species and caring for biodiversity in the natural areas of the city. Once participants have these experiences, they contribute to further raising awareness about these issues in the city.

Our environmental education programme Tampico al Futuro 2030 works with schools focusing on community growing, actions to mitigate climate change and the importance of biodiversity in the fight against climate change. We developed a series of workshops around growing food from pumpkins, melons, chillies, corn etc with a first generation of students. It’s difficult to access pockets of land. The metropolitan area has grown so much there is little space for growing, it’s very limited. So, it’s important to work with people to demonstrate how quickly and easy it is grow food using quick crops such as radishes. It is important to involve parents too through growing things at home in pots’ (Tampico City, Mexico).
WOMEN’S PERMACULTURE IN RWANDA

After studying at uni and with Sector 39 Rose Nibagwire started her own local program.

Kids were mainly eating maize and beans which are high in carbs but low in vitamins.

Growing food offers a variety of nutritious fruit and vegetables.

Her focus is to tackle:
- kids poor nutrition
- soil corrosion
- water catchment

Talk on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 by Steven Jones from Sector 39 and Rose Nibagwire from Rwandan Women’s Permaculture.

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GARDENS REQUIRE INVOLVEMENT AT ALL LEVELS

STUDENTS

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

GROUND STAFF

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The programme brought together a range of academics, community workers and activists involved in community gardens and community food growing projects from across the globe.

We exchanged research knowledge, as well as examples of good practice which have had a positive impact in local communities and focused on the connection of community gardens and community food growing with wider issues of climate change, urban space and the rights to the city.

Projects involved in the programme had reclaimed land within their communities as collective means of production, questioned land distribution/policy, raised awareness of the distribution of resources, increased food security and fought for the recognition of the importance of communally accessible greenspace dedicated to gardening and food production.

The projects focused on behaviour and attitudinal changes, personal development and promoted a human rights perspective, with a focus on ‘shared community’ in community gardens, community gardens’ links to building individual and communal capacity and the importance of bringing diverse elements of communities together including different generations to share knowledge and learn from each other.

The programme demonstrated what can be achieved by community activists and their role in encouraging and enabling others to change behaviours and attitudes at a local level to achieve the sustainable development goals. Community garden and food growing experiences were a trigger for dialogue to stimulate critical awareness and the political areas of opportunity that can influence behaviour change.
The main themes across the projects were:

Community gardens and community food growing as spaces of dialogue where sharing knowledge, expertise and experiences can bring people together to enable an intersectional approach on environmental issues.

The importance of drawing on local resources including generational skills and utilising and sharing knowledge that was already in the community but might have been forgotten.

The sharing and development of permaculture techniques suited to the local environment with a ‘no waste’ ethos.

Encouraging and enabling people to get involved in local events linked to community mobilisation and wider community action linked to land ownership, climate change and urbanisation.

The importance of working with children to (re)connect them to nature. Children were seen as the gateway to working with families and the wider community.

The role of women in local communities and the projects’ role in empowering women in the community and enabling economic, political, and social autonomy.

Building community cohesion and well-being and the role of community gardens and food growing in combating social isolation, food insecurity and socioeconomic inequalities particularly during the Covid 19 pandemic.
The primary beneficiaries of the programme were the community activists, gardeners and families who are working with the secondary beneficiaries, the wider community, to address climate change and related challenges faced by urban centres. The programme was driven by their experiences and voices and enabled the sharing of wider practice knowledge, academic research, and international examples of good practice.

We brought diverse voices, some of them unfamiliar to Scottish community activists, practitioners and policy makers together and discussed cross-cutting issues that impact on (and being impacted by) environmental changes.

As a result of the programme, experiences in Scotland have become more inclusive of diverse voices, giving local community gardens opportunities to connect local issues with wider urban/global issues in a more meaningful way. The programme has offered kinship with like-minded people working in a variety of international contexts.

We hope that we have also mobilised participants to think of community gardens beyond individualised/localised resources that are traditionally associated with outcomes such as ‘mental wellbeing’ and ‘community cohesion’. Although these are relevant, the programme demonstrated that community gardens have an unlocked potential and national and international experiences provided meaningful insights that will help reshape the way community gardens operate and are considered by policy makers and social activists.
COMMUNITY GARDENS
BEYOND COMMUNITIES

6 SEMINARS
7 TALKS
8 COUNTRIES
17 PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

Across the world the language of raised beds, watering cans and trowels is a universal and unifying experience.

The effects of climate changes are being felt across the world from Scotland to Nepal.

Container gardening is popular across the world as a way for people to grow at home in gardens, rooftops, compounds, doorsteps, windowsills and anywhere you can fit a pot.

Working with women was a common theme across many gardens empowering them socially and economically. They were the driving force behind many of the projects.

Communicating with children is a major part of the work of most of the community gardens.

Across the world the language of raised beds, watering cans and trowels is a universal and unifying experience.

It's not just growing plants either, gardens are also focusing on seed collecting, storing and sharing, as well as cooking and eating together.

Different gardens have different roles in their communities and even to different people in those communities.
PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

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