

Growing Together Course

Application Form

Please fill in this form to apply to be a participant in the 2026/27 Growing Together Course.

Please send the completed form to greig@edibleestates.scot

About You

Name	
Pronouns (optional)	
Address †	
Postcode	
Email	
Mobile/Tel	

† Due to funding stipulations, the course is intended for people living in the City of Edinburgh local authority area. If you live outside of Edinburgh and are keen to attend the course, please apply, and we will put you on the waiting list.

Employment Status

The course funder is seeking to support employability and the Green Transition. Please provide information about your current status.

	Full Time	Part-time
Employed		
Self-Employed		
Unemployed		
Care Giver		
Education or Training		

Please provide information about your employment/course etc (optional)

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Horticultural Experience / Qualifications

The course will not teach folk about horticulture, it is intended to “train the trainers”. It is expected that participants already have experience/skills in growing. Please give an indication of your current knowledge/skills in growing.

Beginner	Intermediate	“Expert”

Please provide information about your knowledge/experience in horticulture.

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We will seek to provide Recognition of Prior Learning in horticulture as part of the accredited learning, would this be of interest to you?

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Working With People

Please tell us your current experience of working with people, tick all that apply, add others we have missed.

Volunteered in a community garden or similar project	
Worked in a community garden or similar project	
Worked/volunteered on a community farm	
Led workshops or group sessions	
Helped run activities with groups	
Worked with children or young people	
Supported people with additional needs/mental health issues	

If you have ticked any of the above please provide further information, and/or tell us about other relevant experience.

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What Are Your Future Goals for Work?

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The Course

The information below will help us design the course to fit the goals for the participants.

Why Are You Interested in the Growing Together Course?

What Do You Hope To Gain From the Course?

What Are Your Interests in Working With People and the Land?

Working in Community Gardening	
Farm Growing / Food Production	
Nature Restoration / Woodlands	
Working with Children / Schools	
Therapeutic Gardening / Wellbeing	
Designing & Building Community Gardens & Other Spaces	

Managing a greenspace organisation	
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Add any other interests we have missed, and/or further information on the above.

Availability

Weekly

We are seeking to design the course to increase accessibility to folk who may have other commitments e.g. as a care giver or employment. Please fill the table below to give an indication as to your availability through the week, e.g. Yes/No/Maybe/Sometimes. Use the box below to provide further information if need be.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
AM							
PM							
EVE							

Monthly

Please let us know if there are any months you would not be able to attend the course. Use the box below to provide further information if need be.

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar

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Travel

Are you able and willing to travel to different sites in and around Edinburgh and East Lothian?

Yes	Yes, but with some limitations (please explain below)	No

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Do you have your own car?	Would you be willing to give others a lift?	Would you be happy to get a lift from another course participant?

Support Needs & Inclusion

Do you have any health conditions, disabilities or access needs we should know about to support you on the course? (Optional)

What adjustments or support might help you take part fully? (Optional)

Placements with community gardens and farms may involve practical outdoor work (e.g. standing, bending, lifting light tools). Are you:

Comfortable with this kind of work	Able to do some, but with limits (please explain below)	Not able to do this type of work

Learning Style & Confidence

What helps you learn best? e.g. watching and copying, hands-on practice, written instructions, discussion, visuals, going at your own pace. (Optional)

This course includes some basic written work (short reflections, notes, simple forms) to build a portfolio for course accreditation. How comfortable do you feel with reading and writing in English?

Very Comfortable	Mostly OK, might need a bit of support	I find it challenging and would need support

Additional Information

Anything else you would like us to know?