



WE ARE
Growing
Together

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Our Aims



To help guide the UK's community growing groups towards a financially sustainable future.

To help develop and promote bright ideas that will enable grass roots groups move to a balanced income model



To work with Government and the business sector to unlock land, skills and money that will help community growers to thrive.



That all community growing groups in the UK have the skills, knowledge and opportunity they need to create a financially sustainable future.



Identifying The Need

- Resurgence in community growing
- Community growing supports so many things! Health and wellbeing, social cohesion, biodiversity, employability
- Reduction in public sector funding
- Increase in competition for other grant funding

So:

- Partnerships secured
- 428 community growing groups responded to a survey
- This shaped the programme
- Scotland scoping in progress!

Collaboration



Areas of Focus

- Generating income through trading – big and small!
- E-commerce & digital income generation
- Collaborating with other groups
- Marketing - engaging with the wider community
- Crowdfunding
- Community shares
- Business & financial planning
- Governance
- Employee Volunteering

Crowd funding

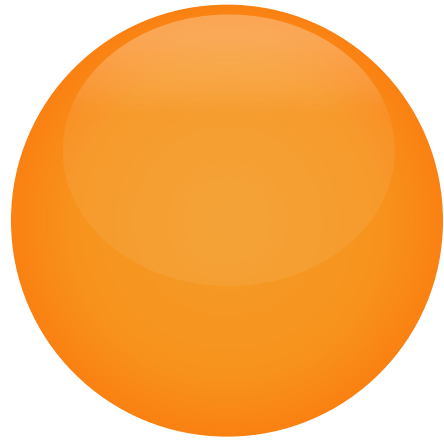


<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1596944744/we-are-growing-0/description>

Support Delivered Through

- Training & Workshops
- Skill Sharing & Networking Events
- One to One Mentoring and consultancy
- Advice Surgeries
- Website and Tool Kits
- National Campaign
- In Scotland
 - Enterprising Community Growing
 - Geographic cooperation
 - Community Empowerment Bill
 - Green Prescription





HOW CAN WE HELP?





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