

Sligo Children's Community Garden

Application form

We are a Children's Community gardening space.

Based in Sligo, Co. Sligo, we set up SCCG in the summer of 2020. The founding members, Fiona, Jenny, Kylie and Trisha, wanted to create an outdoor growing and learning space, to help promote biodiversity, the grow your own ethos, and raise environmental awareness among children and families alike.

We have been fortunate enough to have artist Ruth Le Gear join us. Ruth is linked to the Sligo Children's Community Garden for different projects and creative processes, which have expanded and blossomed involvement of many generations within our community.

With the extra segregation placed on individuals and families during the challenging times of the last few years, we wished to provide a space to regrow community bonds and facilitate children's education in the outdoors. We host family days and parent/carer and toddler groups in our poly tunnel, and reach out to marginalised members of the community. We also offer limited family memberships.

ETHOS

We want to help people to garden using organic principles, to consider biodiversity and food waste, and to live more co-sufficient lifestyles with an emphasis on social, community and therapeutic gardening. Providing a safe space for families and children to learn, play and grow through the medium of gardening, our aim is to continue to be a valuable member of the community and promote positive mental health for families with a focus on sustainability and biodiversity, and facilitating learning.

We also wish to remind people of the importance of getting our hands in soil. To enjoy both the physical and mental wellbeing which comes from being in nature, and the simple joy, yet essential life skill, of growing food. With a huge focus on the importance of taking the time to enjoy being together as a community.

Opening hours and Access

An annual membership fee for each family is 25euro.

Contact us: **Kylie: 0879406002 Trisha;0877474189 Fiona:0858191448 Jenny: 0851049385**

To help develop our community garden there shall be a job list in the poly tunnel and we ask all families when visiting the poly tunnel to all help a little with the tasks to build your children's garden. If you have a particular skill set or would like to see some project developed, please chat or email our committee.

Events:

We have a weekly Mucky Monday Tots Group from 10.30 - 12

Members Fire Session 3 - 5 First Wednesday of the month

Planned Members events and projects- invitations will be sent

The members day for garden work will be decided and communicated with members during the year. However please contact us should you wish to go to the garden on any day.

There are a few terms and conditions to be reviewed by all members and signed, such as family details, parental consent, GDPR,

Information and policies for your consideration before becoming member:

Parents and carers must look after their own children. Children must be accompanied to the toilet by the parent or the adult nominated by the parent. Parents and carers are asked to play an active role in the group, fun is not just for the young. Safety is the responsibility of all the adults attending the session

As the outdoor 'classroom' wind can be a dangerous element due to potential falling branches, our Weather Policy states: 'if strong winds (measuring over 5 on the Beaufort scale or above 30-38kph) or thunder and lightening, are present session will not take place in the woodland and play in the forest will be prohibited.

Below are the Application Form, Terms and Conditions and Cancellation Policy. Prepayment is preferred.

Please complete below pages and return:

Application Form

Adult Participants Names and Childrens' Names and Ages

Parent name, number and contact email

Name and phone number in case of emergency

Please list any medical or specific behavioural needs. If prescribed, please bring any medication that might be needed e.g. epi pens/inhalers.

Terms and Conditions

Planting/sowing, digging, watering and water play, plant classification. Outdoors Bushcraft, including Firecraft, Shelter Building, Nature Watching, Foraging and Cooking with 'Wild' Foods, Nature Collecting, and Insect/Butterfly Trapping and Netting, use of hand tools and playing in the outdoors inherently involves a certain amount of risk, which serves a vital role in a child's development.

By ticking below you understand that by its nature, bushcraft involves tool use, though carefully monitored and risk/benefit assessed, it means some risk is inevitable. You agree that cuts, grazes, burns, falls and injury can happen while children are involved in our outdoor an gardening activities and will not sue for such by confirming you are aware of the risks involved and you are and your child in good health prior to taking part. You give Sligo Childrens Community Gardens permission to give first aid in accordance with our first aid training or to refer your child for medical treatment if necessary.

I consent to the above medical declaration:

YES	
NO	

Cancellation Policy

As we are holding a place for your child for additional activities or events run by the Sligo Childrens Community Gardens where numbers on each course are limited, we will take a 50% cancellation fee if we have less than one weeks advance notice, we charge 75% of the fee if we have two days notice, and 100% within 24hrs. Although highly unlikely, we reserve the right to change or cancel any programme if deemed necessary. If we cancel due to severely bad weather and if it is deemed unsafe to go outside due to high winds, we will refund your fee if the full day is cancelled or you can choose to attend an alternative date. Please tick you agree with policy

YES	
NO	

Terms and Conditions (Please fill this form in on the day off or day before attending your first session)

Parent or Guardian signature:	
Date:	