Social Farms & Gardens

International 2027 Spring Conference

Nature for Wellbeing

Advancing practice in community gardening, city and social farming

14–16 April 2027

New Adelphi Conference Venue,
University of Salford,
Manchester

General information

Included in the conference price:
All food and refreshments on both days, including the Wednesday evening social food

Accessibility information:
Scan the QR code for detailed accessibility information about the venue

- **Getting here:**
  43 Crescent,
  Salford M5 4WT,
  United Kingdom
- **Parking:**
  Irwell Place Car Park

www.accessable.co.uk/university-of-salford/access-guides/the-new-adelphi-building

Interested in the role of community gardening, city and care farms in advancing the nature for wellbeing agenda? This unique event brings together Social Farms & Gardens member sites, academics, policy makers and others working in this area. The event is interactive in nature, with some major speakers who are leading work in the area.

Building on our work within the Horizon Europe / UKRI GreenME project, the event aims to act as a catalyst for wider work, bring organisations and people together and be a space for mainstreaming nature for wellbeing. Attendees will benefit from the launch of new tools and services, take part in a wide variety of interactive workshops, present their ideas through our poster and evaluation tool showcases and visit some amazing sites in Greater Manchester.

There will be dedicated spaces to hear from you about what matters most to you, plus a tour of the Thrive Health & Wellbeing Hub and its rooftop allotments.

Attendees from these sectors (and more) may wish to submit a poster presentation through the following form here: Poster submission Social Farms & Gardens Nature for Wellbeing event – Fill in form. This will be displayed during the event and will enable a broad audience to interact with your work.

Additionally, we have a call for evaluation tools for a workshop here: Evaluation workshop tools submission – Fill in form, in which provides another opportunity to interact with members and attendees directly through showcasing your work.

The event brings together not just the Social Farms & Gardens community, but the APRIN network and the European Federation of City Farms and beyond.

GreenME
Mental health for all through nature

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Day 1
Wednesday 14 April

9:15-10:00 | **Registration & refreshments**

10:00-10:30 | **Welcome & keynote address**

10:30-11:00 | **Voices from the ground**
Practitioners showcasing what's out there and discussing best practice

11:00-11:30 | **Morning refreshments**

11:30-12:00 | **GreenME: nature-based therapies & green care frameworks**
An innovative European project improving adult mental health equity

12:00-13:15 | **Lunch (and poster showcase)**
Delicious locally-sourced lunch, plenty of time to network

13:30-15:30 | **Workshops (choose one):**
1. **Funding for community growing & green care projects**
2. **Supporting people with dementia and those with mental ill-health**

15:30-16:00 | **Afternoon refreshments**

16:00-16:30 | **Local project spotlight**
Northern Roots

16:45-17:15 | **Close of formal sessions**

17:15 Onwards | **Evening food & social**
Sample tasty food from a local community growing project, followed by an optional social gathering



Day 2
Thursday 15 April

9:30-9:45 | **Registration & refreshments**

9:45-10:05 | **Day 1 summary**
Learning, tips and discussions from Day 1

10:05-10:40 | **Launch:**
GreenME online learning resources

10:40-11:00 | **Morning refreshments**

11:00-12:45 | **Workshops (choose one):**
1. **Ethical & fair academic research in community growing**
Why research is done, its value, and how it's used
2. **Tour of the Thrive Rooftop Scheme at the University of Salford**

12:45-13:45 | **Lunch (and poster showcase)**

13:45-15:00 | **Workshops (choose one):**
1. **Evaluation toolkit workshop**
Explore different evaluation methods, including a toolkit showcase
2. **Open space: what matters to you?**

15:00-15:30 | **Networking break**

15:30-15:45 | **Plenary & summary**

15:45-16:00 | **Close of conference**

Day 3
Friday 16 April

Site Visits (optional)
Inspirational Manchester-based member spaces. Visits depart from and return to the University of Salford

Please book separately
Additional cost covers transport and refreshments

Please bring your own lunch
More details to be released at a later date