



## Resilient Green Spaces – Building a National Allotment Development Team

Communities Expression of Interest – Questions that appear on the form

Please note that this form allows applicants to review the questions they will be asked in the online form, in order to prepare answers if they so wish. Applications must be completed on the online form, which can be found [here](#).

### 1. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION (1)

What is the name of your organisation or group?

Is your organisation based in Wales?

What is the address of your organisation or group?

Please give us the postcode of your organisation or group:

If your group or organisation has a website, please give it here:

Name of key contact for this application:

Contact telephone number for your key contact:

Which language would you like us to use when we contact you?

Please note, if you are a Welsh speaker, you can access the Cymraeg version of this form here  
[INSERT LINK]

### 2. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION (2)

Give us a brief outline of what you do, who you work with and anything your group might specialise in. We want to know here about your current and past experience in delivering and maintaining growing spaces. Please remember, our top criteria is that your group has the knowledge, skills, time and resources to manage the support we are able to offer through this programme. This could be about the existing group make-up, or about work individual members have delivered in the past. Please give us evidence of your capacity here:

What type of organisation are you? Please select the one that most represents your organisation:

*Unfortunately, we are not able to fund faith organisations, political parties or sole-traders as part of this funding stream.*

[multiple choice of:]

- Unincorporated – a group of people with no formal governance
- Unregistered voluntary or community organisation - An organisation set up with a governing document such as a constitution but not registered with Companies House or the Charity Commission
- Not-for-profit company / social enterprise - A company limited by guarantee, registered with Companies House
- Community Interest Company (CIC) - A company registered with Companies House and the Community Interest Company (CIC) regulator
- Registered charity or Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- Registered society or Co-operative - registered with the Financial Conduct Authority School, College or University
- Other (please give details)

**When was your group established? (Please give the year)**

**What is your group's average annual turnover?**

*(Please give the answer in whole pounds only)*

### **3. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION (3)**

**Does your organisation use social media? If so, please let us know your:**

Facebook name

Instagram handle

Twitter handle

Other (please specify: You Tube, Tik Tok etc)

### **4. TELL US ABOUT YOUR PEOPLE**

**Do you have any paid staff?**

**If you answered yes, how many staff members do you have?**

**How many regular volunteers do you have?**

**Does your site have public access?**

**Do you allow visitors or organised groups to see what you do and get involved?**

**Is there anything further you'd like to tell us about the people in or those who access your organisation?**

**If you have answered no to either of the above two questions, please tell us here about your community engagement, as this is a key criteria. If you have answered yes, tell us a little more about how visitors and groups access your site. If increasing access is a key part of what you'd like to do as part of this support – please make your plans very clear here, including what contact you have established with existing groups.**

## **5. CAN YOU AGREE TO ..**

**Sign up to training and networking events with us?**

NB – training and networking is a part of this Allotments strand. To proceed past this stage, you must select 'yes'

**Be added to the Welsh Allotment Forum?**

(if you tick 'yes', we will add you to the emailing / newsletter group regardless of how your application proceeds. You are free to remove yourself from this newsletter group at any time)

**Participate in the ongoing evaluation of the project?**

NB – all successful Allotment sites must participate in project evaluation, monitoring, keeping financial records and receipts and sharing learning with other sites and be willing to be a case study if asked. To proceed past this stage, you must select 'yes'.

**Sharing your details with other appropriate support bodies, programmes or project we think might be relevant to enable other support for your group?**

We will only ever share your details with organisations, bodies, programmes or projects we feel would be directly appropriate to develop your organisation or group.

## **6. TELL US ABOUT THE SITE**

**Please give us the postcode of the site in question**

**What is your current arrangement regarding the site in question? Please select all the answers that apply:**



- We own it
- We lease it
- We have a licence / right to occupy
- We do not yet have access

**If you already have access, how long do you have it for?**

Please tell us how many years or months you have remaining on your access to the site. Please be very clear, 'indefinitely' or 'a long time' are not acceptable responses.

**If you are NOT the owner of the site, who owns it?**

Please remember, a key criteria of support in this programme is around community, privately and public body owned land against Local Authority owned land. Perhaps you are in discussions about a Community Asset Transfer (which will undoubtedly mean a longer process), this is something we may be able to help with. Tell us here about any discussions you may be having about the land, if you are not the current owner.

**Do you or the owner have a holding number for the site?**

If you answered yes to the question above, please provide your holding number here:

If you answered not sure to the question above, please give us as much information as you can here:

**7. WHAT WOULD YOUR GROUP LIKE SUPPORT ON:**

- Creating new allotment plots
- Revive pre-existing allotment (i.e. bring plots back into use)
- Splitting existing plots down into microplots to improve access, storage and / or security
- Support on land leasing / ownership or transfers

**8. HOW MANY NEW ALLOTMENT PLOTS WILL YOU CREATE / BRING BACK INTO USE THROUGH CLEARANCE / IMPROVED ACCESS OR SECURITY?**



- Allotment plots for individuals (based on a plot being ½ a traditional allotment plot size or 120m square approx.)
- Allotment plots for individuals (based on a plot being a ¼ a traditional allotment plot size or 60m square approx.)
- Micro/trainer allotment plots for individuals (based on a plot being 8m square or greater)
- Shared allotment plots for community groups
- Other (please specify, in as much detail as you can)

## 9. TELL US MORE ABOUT THE SITE AND YOUR WISHES

### **Tell us more about the site you have in mind.**

For example, is it urban or rural? Is it close to dwellings? What is the green space like around it – are there trees, parks, playing fields? Is the site currently well-used? How is it managed? What is the soil like? What do you already grow there, if anything? Please remember, we are looking to support sites that will improve biodiversity and green spaces and mental and physical health. Tell us what your site and surrounding area is like NOW. Point us to evidence of this. We want you to tell us here how we can help improve both your site and surrounding area and community.

### **Tell us about the current demand for growing space in your area.**

For example, do you know whether there is a high waiting list for allotments? Are you oversubscribed on other growing projects? Please remember, we are looking to support sites that are in an area of high need, please give us here as much evidence as you can muster!

### **Tell us why you would like to establish Allotments or Micro-Allotments on your site.**

#### **What benefits would it bring to your group or community?**

Consider social, health (mental and physical), biodiversity and economic benefits. Please remember, we are looking to support sites that will bring these benefits – so tell us what your proposal will bring in each of these areas. Give us evidence of connections you have made or will establish in your community. Tell us about how your community and area might look different in 5 years time if we support you.

### **Tell us about your group's or organisation's capacity to manage the site, following the end of support from Resilient Green Spaces in June 2023?**

Tell us what you have in place NOW that means the support we can offer will not disappear in June 2023 (how you currently manage allotments or growing groups is particularly useful, or how this proposal is a development of something you're already

doing successfully). Tell us about what training, mentoring, networks and support you would find useful to bolster the longevity of your proposal.

**Tell us about what facilities are currently in place at your proposed site and what issues, challenges or physical problems might face your proposal?**

This might include any communal provision you already have on site (toilets, accessible paths, security fencing) or any issues you can foresee (the soil grading, local anti-social behaviour, established thoughts the local community or local authority might have about your work or the site, access for cars/mini-buses/coaches/machinery)

**Can you provide adequate insurance cover for the site?**

**Please tell us a little more about the insurance – either the precise kind of cover you already have or what you would need in the future**

**READY TO SUBMIT YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST?**

You can find the Communities EOI [here](#)

Resilient Green Spaces is a £1.27m partnership project being led by Social Farms & Gardens to pilot alternative re-localised food systems using communities and their green spaces as the driving force for change across Wales until June 2023. This project is funded through the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the Welsh Government and the European Union.

