



# European Gardeniser Pro Hybrid Training Course

Carmarthenshire Spring 2024



Developed within the Erasmus+ KA2 VET programme - strategic partnerships for innovation, GARDENISER PRO is a training programme for key coordinators in community focused farms and gardens.

# About Gardeniser Pro

A Gardeniser is a key coordinating role working inside a community garden or farm. Our training teaches aspiring Gardenisers the importance of cohesion, participation, and social inclusion and how to work effectively with volunteers and staff and create a sustainable community supported farm or garden.

The learning combines educational materials delivered through face-to-face on-site training days and online classroom sessions. This is complemented by the completion of weekly homework, a student project to develop your skills and experience and visits to other community gardens/farms.

**Gardeniser Pro uses the European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) which is a technical framework for the recognition of learning outcomes with a view to achieving a qualification. ECVET works hand in hand with the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) to provide greater transparency in European qualifications.**

The GARDENISER PRO training course is divided into three Modules which represent the core competencies of a Gardeniser. Each module includes different units. Each unit is described in terms of one or more Learning Outcomes. The programme works through three modules over the course of 10 weeks. This includes two site visits, eight two-hour online lessons, plus weekly homework and completion of a “project”. We take a two week pause halfway through.

**In total the course will involve 70 hours of learning, including classroom training and project work which can be done to fit your own schedule.** Once this training is completed learners can take the online test to obtain the Gardeniser Pro licence. The whole Gardeniser Pro training pathway (training course + internship) gains a total of 7.5 ECVET credits.

## Key information

- Cost £300 to cover 10 weeks of blended learning. We are able to offer ten free of charge places to suitable candidates operating in Carmarthenshire (see below for details).
- The course will be delivered in English and all course work, written material and communication can be submitted in English/Cymraeg.
- This course is for adults only and you must be 18 years or older.
- You will need to be involved either with a community-managed garden or farm and/or demonstrate you have some knowledge or understanding of these kinds of outdoor spaces.
- The course will involve:
  - Two full day site visits with teaching, in Carmarthenshire on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
  - Eight online taught sessions on Tuesdays (16.00 – 18.00) starting 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 and concluding 30<sup>th</sup> April. There will be a two week break over Easter.
- There will be weekly homework related to that week's learning which will take up to two hours to complete.
- Learners will also complete a project in their own time in order to complete the three modules.
- On completion of these elements, learners will be eligible to take the online test and gain the Gardeniser Pro license.
- In total there will be 14 hours of face-to-face training over two days, 16 hours of online classroom teaching, 16 hours of homework and 24 hours of project work for a total of 70 hours done by the completion of the course.

# Applying

The course is open to students across South/West Wales and an online application form must be filled out to register your interest by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Funded places are only available to delegates operating in Carmarthenshire.

We anticipate high volumes of applicants and won't be able to guarantee all applicants a place on the course. Please give us as much information as you can about yourself and your interest in Gardeniser pro.

Applicants will be notified if they have gained a place by 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Where payment is required, this will need to be received before 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to secure your place. **In order to apply click on this link:**

[Application form for Gardeniser](#)

## What the course covers

### Module 1: Understanding the community garden/farm

- Understanding the main concepts and main characteristics of community gardens and farms
- History of the community garden
- Consulting the community
- The importance of partnerships
- Advocacy, good communication and managing conflict.
- Finding the right site for your project
- Design of the site

## **Module 2: Working effectively with staff and volunteers**

- Looking after staff, volunteers, and visitors
- Techniques to support people who are stressed and to increase wellbeing.
- Contributions and challenges of working with volunteers
- Recruiting, inducting, and retaining volunteers

## **Module 3: Sustainability**

- Understanding costs and budgeting
- Creating an action plan
- Ways to bring in income
- Evaluation as a process
- Doing a health check of the project

### **Practical work includes:**

- Visits to other gardens and farms
- Setting up meetings and events
- Organising activities
- Recruiting staff and volunteers
- Running planning sessions
- Creating rules and policies
- Working with a budget
- Working to a plan and bringing in income
- Running evaluation sessions
- Doing a health check

Homework and your project can be done using a variety of methods to submit evidence of learning including written work, videos, pictures, diaries, blogs and face to face sessions, group work and interactive sessions.

## Find out more

This training is being delivered by [Social Farms & Gardens](#) – the UK wide charity supporting communities to farm, garden and grow together.

Social Farms & Gardens has been delivering quality training to our members for 40 years and are currently undergoing assessment to become accredited training providers with the British Accreditation Council.

Find out more about Gardeniser [here](#)

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