

Tyfu Powys – Welcome Letter & Guidance Notes

Thank you for your interest in Tyfu Powys, a new Social Farms and Gardens project, and for taking part in initial conversations to help us understand the needs of your project.

We would like to welcome you to join the project, by sharing the following information:

- About Tyfu Powys
- Tyfu Powys Activities and Support
- Terms & Conditions of Support
- Your Interests
- Acceptance Declaration

We look forward to working with your group and building a supportive community of gardens and growing spaces across Powys. For further information about Tyfu Powys please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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About Tyfu Powys

Tyfu Powys is an exciting new project to help community gardens and growing projects across Powys to develop and grow. Led by Social Farms and Gardens. The project is funded until December 2024.

Tyfu Powys – support for community gardens and growing projects in Powys

- * Join a new Powys Community Growing Network
- * Share your knowledge, experience and skills together
- * Extend your garden outreach and welcome new volunteers
- * Apply for funding towards on-site infrastructure
- * Receive Orchard Leader training
- * Enjoy events, including Have a Grow 2024
- * Enjoy GIS mapping tools and training
- * Support health and wellbeing in your community
- * Encourage planet friendly growing

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What we can offer you and how

Join the Network - Powys Community Growing Network and Gatherings

One of the main aims of Tyfu Powys is to create a supportive network of community gardens and growing spaces across Powys, for sharing skills, ideas, local growing events, workshops and even equipment. Join us for online **Gatherings** and by visiting each other's gardens and growing sites. We hope the network will be guided by active members, led by your ideas, and will grow and strengthen over time - with a legacy that carries on far into the future beyond the scope of Tyfu Powys. We want to support a range of organisations and sites, from large to small, from Ystragynlais to Llanfyllin - to share their successes and support on their challenges. Please join our [Facebook group](#) and connect with each other online. Open to any Powys based community growing group.

Apply for Funding - for on-site, capital infrastructure

Tyfu Powys has funding available for twenty sites in Powys to improve the physical infrastructure of their growing sites, to a value of £2450 per site. This will be awarded following completion of a successful grant application process, by completing a separate Tyfu Powys grant application form.

Application process to award 20 sites with £2450 each for capital equipment to support your site's development.

Find a Mentor - Development Support

Tyfu Powys is also offering funded 1:1 support from Mentors who will share specialist advice and knowledge based on the needs of your specific site. Let us know what area of specialist support your group are interested in receiving (e.g. gardening skills, attracting wildlife, working with nature/soil/water, site construction, project administration, promotion, fundraising, lease agreements, other). We will also arrange site study tours as part of this strand of work.

Open on on-going basis to Powys based community growing groups to December 2024 and whilst funds allow. Contact us for a discussion: wales@farmgarden.org.uk or jane@farmgarden.org.uk

Sign up for Free Training

Tyfu Powys is offering the following training for free:

- **Orchard Leader** – guidance on how to manage and maintain your community orchard, delivered by [The Orchard Project](#).

Application process, time specific (planning over summer, planting/pruning Dec 2024)

- **GIS Mapping** – find out how to put your project on the map and be part of a network of community growing spaces in Powys, Wales and across the UK, delivered by [Digital Commons Co-operative](#).

Open on on-going basis to Powys based community groups: webinars and support.

Funding for Events

Host themed community events, and welcome new volunteers and support to your site.

Funding available to design and run a community event at your site, provide volunteer opportunities and reach out to new attendees, focused on:

- **Eat Well!** – learn together about growing, buying and eating seasonal food.
- **People & Planet** – run workshops and activities about planet-friendly growing.

and follow-up with attendees, volunteers and visitors on their planet-friendly growing and eating well journey, either at your site or in their own lives. We'll help you with marketing materials and travel too and support via the network. We'd like to help link you to groups of participants you may not have seen on your site before: young people, mens groups, welsh speakers, those divergent from 'norm'.

Application process, time specific (undertake events over summer). £1500 for People & Planet events (paid in three instalments) and follow up x 10 sites; £1300 for Eat Well! Events x 10 sites (paid in three instalments) and follow up.

Have a Grow (1 – 9 June 2024)

Have a Grow Day is our national celebration of all things community growing, held annually by Social Farms and Gardens. It's a fantastic opportunity to shout about what you do, and to bring new faces along to your space to get involved and have a grow! Choose a day to celebrate! Provide giveaways for the public! Show them how they can get involved in your site!

Any community growing site can take part in Have a Grow – limited edition physical packs available for Powys based groups, register your event early. We have funding of £200 each for 20 x Powys community growing sites to put on an event for Have a Grow. Your contribution should be telling us about the volunteering opportunities enabled by putting on the event and doing some of your own local marketing (with our support). You will also receive a physical publicity pack and be asked to take part in future annual Have a Grow days.