



URBAN GARDENING

FOR SMALL SPACES

WORKSHOP AIMS:

1. Support bees and urban wildlife by growing lots of plants.
2. Reconnect urban communities to nature.

Time:
2 – 5 hours

Number of
Volunteers:
1 or more

Venue:

Ask a local school, NGO or gardening centre if you can use their premises for the workshop. You could also use a public park.

Who will attend?

The public. Invite gardening clubs and creative arts groups. Put invitations on community notice boards and write to representatives of residential houses.

More Guides:

- Guerrilla Gardening
- Urban Beekeeping
- Puppet Show
- Organic Food Tasting
- How to get free seeds
- How to promote your event

- 1 Define your target group. This workshop is for urban people who would like to grow vegetables and other plants but do not have gardens. It will interest those who like upcycling and anyone who wants to beautify their city.
- 2 Find a venue. Be aware that people will need to travel home with their plants. The venue must have good public transport connections, accessible toilets and emergency exits.
- 3 Prepare your materials. You will need:



- Containers
Tip: Upcycle old shoes, sacks or buckets

- Trowels and a watering can
Tip: Upcycle old bottles and spoons



- Organic Compost
Tip: Add humus to soil



- Seeds and plants
Tip: How to get free seeds guide

- Recycled paper and pens (for campaign slogans)

- String and sticks (to secure and mark plants)

- Water
- Gardening gloves

- 4 On the day, begin the workshop with an introduction to colony collapse disorder, food security and the importance of bees. Explain how urban gardening will help support bees.

- 5 Supervise your participants as they plant. Hand out info sheets on how to look after their plants.

- 6 Advise your participants on where to keep their plants. Click [here](#) to read some ideas.

- 7 Invite people to decorate their pots with campaign slogans (see examples [here](#)).

- 8 Take photographs and encourage participants to document their plants' progress! Send media to YEE to share with the network.

