

GROWING IN GLASGOW Programme

**Saturday March 28th 2009 Trades Hall 85 Glassford Street
A day of Information, Interaction & Discussion 10.30am- 3.00pm**

Bringing together plot holders and experts with information stands, discussions, displays & workshops. Networking with other allotments, showing what allotments are doing & promoting the allotment ethos.

REGISTRATION: 10.15 AM – 2.30 PM

10.30 am Welcome Incorporation of Gardeners, Glasgow City Council, Glasgow Allotments Forum

STALLS (ALL DAY) Seeds and plant catalogues, National Vegetable Society, Angus Horticultural (rock dust), Scottish Water, Soil Association, Wood Recycling Glasgow, Natsol compost toilets, Glasgow Children's Orchard, Police (crime prevention), RSPB, Butterfly Conservation, Bumblebee Conservation, Bug Life, Transition Towns, ARI & SAGS, Garden for Life, SNH, Stop Climate Chaos

DISPLAYS: Posters from allotment sites in Glasgow –What is grown? What are sites like? What is celebrated?

WORKSHOPS

11.15 – 14.45 **Seeds and potting on** *Joyce Gibson – demonstrations and advice*
Growing in a glass house *Alex Tweedie – advice*
Weed identification table

11.15 – 14.45 **Schools and community – information, displays and advice**
12.45 – 13.15 **PRESENTATION Growing with Schools**

11.15 – 12.00 **Soil testing** *Jason Owen, Macaulay Institute presentation and discussion*
12.00 – 12.45 **Fruit trees** *John Hancox advice on varieties, planting and maintenance*
14.00– 14.45 **Composting** *Brian Dillon demonstration and advice*

WORLD CAFÉ TABLES *Informal Presentations and discussion with experts*

1. Support for new plot-holders and community groups

11.15 – 12.00 **Fiona MacKinnon** Update on Allotment Strategy Communities and plots- *involving other groups.*
12.00 –12.45 **Norman Robb (Horticulturalist)** Courses and Demonstrations *what would plot-holders like~?*
13.30 – 14.15 **Danny Alderslowe (Community gardener)** What grows in Glasgow?
14.15 – 15.00 **Angus Farquar NVA** Creative cultivation

2. Allotment Design

11.00 –11.45 **Reidvale HA (Architects)** New Allotments – *what is needed on a new site?*
11.45 –12.30 **Ron Smith (Planner)** Allotments and regeneration – *where, how and what?*
13.15 – 14.00 **Gordon Crossan (Police)** Design against vandalism- *can we make sites safer?*
14.00 –14.45 **Phil Hickey (Planner)** Allotments and planning process – *how can we get new sites?*

3. Compost, raised beds and Contaminated plots,

11.15 – 12.00 **Fairlie Organic Growers** Worm compost for raised beds- *how do you get enough?*
12.00 –12.45 **Wood recycling** Raised beds – *how are they constructed and used?*
13.30 – 14.15 **Jason Owen (Macaulay Institute)** Specific contaminants – *what effect and what can be done?*
14.15–15.00 **EPS** Contamination in Glasgow sites- *how is it found and tackled?*

4. Organic Gardening

11.00 – 11.45 **Pam Rodway (Soil Association)** Organic Growing – *why grow organically?*
11.45 –12.30 Growing without animal products – *do you need manure?*
13.15 – 14.00 **Sarah Watts** Tips for organic gardening- *how to avoid problems*
14.00 –14.45 **Sarah Watts** Planting for wildlife – *birds, bees and butterflies need food as well.*