



GROWING COMMUNITIES

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SOCIAL PERMACULTURE

Autumn News

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Project Meeting in Romania

After a long period without being able to travel due to the pandemic situation, we finally met in person! The staff teams from Kulturlabor Trial&Error e.V., Dominou Association and Eduplus Association gathered in Romania in October 2021.

We worked hard on the project objectives, activities and outputs. The focus of this meeting was on the making of the bite-size learning tools that we decided to call teasers, and the planning of the national micro-training activities.

We also planned the upcoming international LTTA meeting in Berlin.



News from Craiova

In Craiova city, Romania, we couldn't find any permaculture farm nor community garden. Dominou association - in collaboration with the April Hub NGO - created an experimental garden at the "Tudor Arghezi" High School.

They plan to offer parents and grandparents to come and support with the maintenance of the garden, while teachers will use it to educate their students about environmental values.

An ecological garden is born!



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News from Berlin

In Berlin, Kulturlabor Trial&Error e.V. has been very active!

The weekly food sharing and swap shops keep on seeing a lot of participation from the surrounding community.

“Sharing is caring”: Trial&Error wants to offer neighbours a possibility to take care of each other and build up a supportive network in the city.

Growing communities would not be possible without a shared vision and common goals. The Open Soil Atlas project is a good example of raising awareness and engaging citizens in a collective effort of soil remediation, while developing social connections and mitigating climate change.

Gartenlabor is Trial&Errors’ volunteer community garden project in Berlin, which started in June 2015. The vision is to come together and make this a safe space for everyone from the neighbourhood - to reclaim the public space, to grow our own food, share knowledge about gardening, green living in cities and neighbourhood life, exchange ideas and contacts.

Humans need to feel connection and belonging. Building communities means giving the people the possibility to make changes bigger than what they could do individually.



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News from Tenerife

In Tenerife, Eduplus Association keeps growing and improving our Intergenerational Permaculture Garden (in collaboration with local organisations such as La Punta Bajamar Avanzando).

This project - focused on seniors - got public recognition from the local authorities as an initiative to face the issues raised by the Covid pandemic.

We adapt to the changing situation: gardening is done in small groups, meeting twice a week; the seniors and the school kids communicate through a whiteboard - waiting to be allowed to share time together.

The group of seniors is organising itself around micro projects and it can be seen how teamwork and common goals is making the local community stronger. They exchange skills and knowledge about permaculture, gardening, they appropriate the space and it is a beautiful process.

Growing greens, building relations.

