



The Hidden Garden

Please help us to raise the money to purchase a greenhouse

The Hidden Garden is an educational gardening project working with a range of young people who often struggle with formal class-based education. By providing practical activities and working with plants and the environment young people develop a sense of achievement, responsibility and a sense of pride. Through learning food growing and horticultural skills they are gaining environmental awareness and building confidence as well as important life skills. We also encourage local people to volunteer on our Hidden Garden project providing valuable support both practically and through assisting our young people whilst gaining great rewards themselves.

Our aim is to purchase a large greenhouse (10' x 20' worth £4000) which will be an invaluable resource, helping in the education of young people about food growing, horticulture and looking after the environment.

Why it's a great idea:

We have found that young people in Selsey need an outlet to enable them to express their interest and love of the local environment. Youth Dream is trying to make this happen and at the same time enable young people the opportunity to learn from an older generation, gaining first-hand knowledge and experience. In the short time The Hidden Garden project has been running we have seen how excited and enthusiastic young people get when given the opportunity and responsibility to look after an area of land in their local community. Developing a community garden in Selsey is benefiting the wider environment and giving local people a place, they can meet, relax, enjoy and benefit from working and sharing ideas with others. This project enables many educational opportunities including the importance of healthy food and nutrition, organic food growing and an understanding of how we all impact on the environment around us. At present there are no projects of this nature in Selsey and we want this to be a catalyst for many more community garden spaces.

