



GROWCHAPEL

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Growchapel is a community led project aiming to use Gardening Therapy as a way of helping those members of the community struggling with mental health issues, addiction and isolation. A steering group was set up involving Police Scotland, GCC Neighbourhoods and Sustainability, Drumchapel Life and a number of other interested agencies. An area of suitable land was identified between Abbotshall Avenue and Halgreen Avenue and a number of Community Consultation events have been carried out. Feedback from the community has been incredibly positive, the steering group will ensure community consultation will continue throughout the work stages to get your views.

A VERY TOUGH CHOICE

The steering group asked the local Primary Schools to design a logo for the project and we were delighted to receive almost 200 entries, which were of an incredibly high standard. The entries were whittled down to a more manageable number by a judging panel chaired by the Local Area Commander.





The shortlisted entries were then put to a final vote at a special meeting of the steering group. We are delighted to announce that the winner of the garden name was Adam Proctor from Drummory Primary with the "Growchapel Community Garden" and the logo design was created by Katrina Chen from Antonine Primary, the finished logo can be seen above. St Clare's Primary School won a mosaic award where their entries will generate a larger community design.

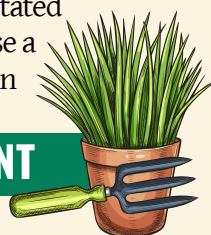


The judging panel had a tough choice to make from almost 200 entries.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

-  **85%** of residents don't use this land.
-  **73%** of residents agree with the concept of a community garden.
-  **47%** of residents stated that they would volunteer time to work in the garden.
-  **57%** of residents stated that they would use a community garden



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

We have worked with the young people from **G15 Youth Project** to create a site plan. The young people did an amazing job to incorporate an inclusive and dynamic space which includes accessible plots and polytunnel areas for planting and growing, a sensory garden, terraced wetlands to enhance biodiversity, seating areas and social community spaces, an outdoor classroom and a pizza/bread oven to satisfy your hunger after your gardening efforts.

This site design can be seen on the next page.





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COMMUNITY GARDEN

At present, the Growchapel Steering group is working hard on getting the site ready for construction. First we will ensure the ground is cultivated appropriately before we install new fencing, footpaths and suitable drainage for the site. After this work has been established we will have a community cabin and composting toilet on site. When this is complete we aim to have groups on site before summer 2020 to start work and get growing!

FUNDING £££
WE'RE READY FOR STAGE ONE!

The site we're looking to create in Drumchapel will be an inclusive, welcoming space which we want people to enjoy visiting. We have been applying for a number of funding streams including the Drumchapel/Anniesland Area Partnership, Glasgow Airport's Flightpath, The MushroomTrust, Glasgow City Council and the Community Growing Fund. We now have the funding required to start work on the site and complete the first stage of the growing space, work is due to start March/April 2020.

IN
ASSOCIATION
WITH



COMMUNITY BREAKING GROUND EVENT

Check out local noticeboards for information on our upcoming community event to celebrate the start of the work onsite. If you would like to get involved in the Growchapel Community Garden or get any more information please contact **growchapel@gmail.com**

