

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND
“Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live”
WARD PROPOSAL FORM

WARD Northfield	INNOVATION TITLE Northfield Edible Gardeners		
<p>Innovations have to meet the LIF priorities and add value to the City wide core priorities listed below. (Tick all those that apply)</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <u>City Core Priorities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children - a Great. X City to Grow Up In • Jobs & Skills a great. X City to succeed in • Housing a great City to live in • Health a great City X to lead a healthy & active life </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <u>LIF Priorities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens' Independence & X Well Being • New approaches to investment • Active citizens & communities stepping up. X • Clean streets. X Improving local centres </td> </tr> </table>		<u>City Core Priorities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children - a Great. X City to Grow Up In • Jobs & Skills a great. X City to succeed in • Housing a great City to live in • Health a great City X to lead a healthy & active life 	<u>LIF Priorities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens' Independence & X Well Being • New approaches to investment • Active citizens & communities stepping up. X • Clean streets. X Improving local centres
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<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>We are going to plant up unused totally accessible areas around Northfield with pollinators and Edible plants.</p> <p>We will collaborate with local groups and charities to impact food poverty, loneliness and to increase biodiversity and sustainability of Northfield's flora and fauna.</p> <p>We will use regular work days to invite people to garden with us and grow their, knowledge and confidence in growing food. We will skill people up in areas of cooking and preserving the home grown healthy produce.</p> <p>The groups we will promote the project to are, local Gp surgery, Northfield's community partnership and food bank, Northfield Arts Forum.</p> <p>The groups we will be collaborating with are, Northfield Fire Station, the Train Station, Northfield Baptist Church and Quaker preschool.</p> <p>We will be promoting sustainability by harvesting rain water and making compost from waste products. We will emphasise reusing, recycling and regenerating as a more sustainable life style.</p>			

Time Frame – is it:-

Implement and complete within 12 months (2017)

How will the innovation be implemented?

- We will implement the project through work days as a group actively gardening.
- A key aspect will be labelling up what's in the planters so the public can see and taste the edibles. We will use different methods to disseminate information about what we are doing, some notice boards, some plant labelling and a traffic light system of what's ready when.
- We will carry out gardening sessions at the local preschool nursery.

What outcomes will the proposal achieve? What will success look like and how will its impact be measured? How will you ensure legacy/ continuation and what learning will the project provide?

- Tackle food poverty and loneliness in Northfield
- We will increase the biodiversity of flora and fauna in Northfield.
- We will skill up volunteers in aspects of growing food, preserving and cooking produce.
- We will utilise sustainable methods of rain water harvesting and composting thereby reducing waste products in Northfield.

To measure impact we will carry out two surveys pre and post project, a wildlife and wellbeing survey. Photo evidence will be available of the progress of the project. We will keep records of water harvested and compost made and people who attend work days.

The legacy will be the continuation of growing in the raised beds and the continuance of food production. We will continue to teach through work days as a group.

Have you considered other sources of funding and whether the project can be used to leverage further funding from elsewhere (please specify funding sources)?

What resources will be required?

- Planters and soil £900
- Water butt, compost bins, outdoor storage £240
- Safety equipment £95
- Gardening equipment £260
- Learning and development £60
- Plants. £220

- Capital
- Running costs
- People power volunteers

Amount required from LIF £2000

Have you got any match funding – in cash or in kind?

Yes. Plant donations from the community and time given by people involved. Also land offered by various groups.

Contact person for proposal

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Which residents or community groups was the proposal discussed with and when (please give details of any meetings and which councillors attended)?

- Baptist Church
- Northfield Fire Station
- Northfield Arts Forum
- Northfield Quaker Preschool

Proposal was presented by Adrian Whitehouse on Thursday 16th March to Northfield Ward Local Innovation Fund meeting.

Discussed at


Ward meeting Northfield ward meeting

Date Monday 20th March

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name CLR DEBSIE CLANCY Signature  Date 13.6.17

Name BRETT O'REILLY Signature  Date

Name ANDREW BROWN Signature  Date 13-6-17

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Received: Date

Go to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership for decision: Date

Yes

No

Approved