

The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

(1a) Organisation/group name: Citadel Youth Centre

(1b) Project name: Citadel Community Garden

(2) Tell us about your organisation / group (what do you do?) (150 words maximum)

The Citadel is a registered charity which has been at the heart of the community in Leith since 1980. Our charitable aims are to provide social, recreational and educational for children, young people and their families in Leith. We do this through a range of universal and targeted services, including open access youth clubs for all ages from 6 to 18; careers guidance and employability training for unemployed young people; a Young Mums and Babies group; family support and drop ins for parents/carers of Citadel children; and an intergenerational café which brings together isolated older and younger people.

(3a) Please select the fund criteria which your project relates to (Select all that apply)

- ☒ Create opportunities for community leadership and learning on climate change
- ☐ Reduce greenhouse gas emissions within communities and contribute to the net-zero target for Edinburgh
- ☒ Generate sustainable projects for the benefit of local people to build resilience or adapt to climate change within communities
- ☒ Build relationships between neighbourhoods of different socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds to work together on just, equitable and accessible climate and resilience activities contributing to the cities net zero agenda, also ensuring that activities work towards reducing or removing barriers for disabled people in the transition to net zero.

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(3b) Tell us about the project you would use the money for. (500 words maximum)

We want to create a Community Garden in the Citadel playground. Citadel children, young people, parents/carers and older people will be involved in every part of the project, which will have three key phases:-

1. Making wooden planters. This will be a great opportunity to involve unemployed young people from our Careers Café in learning new skills and for older men in our intergenerational café to share their joinery skills with the younger generation.
2. Planting and tending seasonal fruit and vegetables. This is an activity which will involve Citadel service users of all ages and generations, from our Young Mums and Babies group through our various youth clubs, parents/carers groups as well as our intergenerational café. This will also generate great educational opportunities to increase awareness of sustainable, organic gardening among all these groups
3. Using the produce to cook healthy meals in our groups. Cooking and eating food together is already a major component of many Citadel groups. Over recent years we have made a sustained effort to make these meals healthier and more nutritious and we have particularly worked with our unemployed young people, Young Mums and parent/carers groups to promote the benefits of cooking fresh meals on a budget. Having our own supply of home grown fresh produce will serve to reinforce this.
4. Using the community garden as a 'green space' for groups. During Covid 19, we put new seating in our playground to enable our groups to continue meeting outdoors. This project builds on this by converting the playground into an attractive outdoor space, which can be used as a calming, green space by Citadel groups of all ages. This space will be accessible to the community even when the Citadel building is closed, as the playground is unlocked (monitored by CCTV for security purposes)

This project will have several key benefits for participants in the community:-

1. Raise awareness of sustainable, organic gardening and the contribution this can make to tackling climate change
2. Promote the benefits of healthy, nutritious meals made with fresh ingredients and enable people to develop the confidence and skills to cook fresh meals from scratch
3. Promote positive relationships between different generations in the community by enabling them to come together to share joinery, gardening and cookery skills.
4. Promote the mental health and wellbeing of all ages by offering a small 'green space' in a densely populated area of Leith

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(4) Describe your project in no more than 30 words (this will be used for publicity)

We will create a Community Garden in the Citadel playground. Citadel groups will be involved in making wooden planters, planting and tending seasonal fruit and vegetables and cooking healthy meals

(5a) Who do you hope will benefit from this project?

As noted, the direct beneficiaries will be drawn from the full range of groups currently involved in the Citadel, including children and young people (6 to 18) in our youth clubs; unemployed young people (16 to 19); young mothers (under 25) and their children (under 5); parents/carers of children and young people in our youth clubs; and older people (over 65) attending our Intergenerational Café. The garden will also be open to the community

(5b) Is your group open to all?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If no, please explain:

(5c) Will the project have a positive impact on any of the following protected characteristics?

☐ Disability

☐ Marriage
or civil
partnership

☒ Pregnancy
and
maternity

☐ Race

☐ Sex

☐ Age

☐ Sexual
orientation

☐ Religion or
belief

☐ Gender
reassignment

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(6) Where will the project be delivered?

Citadel Youth Centre, 175 Commercial Street, Leith, Edinburgh EH6 6JE

(7) Project start date: 1/4/23
Project end date: 15/12/23

**(8) How many people do you hope
will benefit from your project?**
200

(9) Is anyone else working with you on the project?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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(10) Do you require permission from anyone or any additional insurance to carry out your project?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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(11) Please outline a breakdown of the cost of delivering this project (including VAT).		(12) Do you have additional funding or income from charges which will contribute to this project? If yes, please detail below	
Goods/Equipment/Time etc	£	Source	£
Staff – 2 x 4hrs x 30 sessions @ £20ph	£4800		
Wood etc. for planters	£250		
Gardening equipment	£250		
Soil, plants, seeds, fertiliser	£250		
Refreshments - £15 x 30 sessions	£450		
Total Expenditure	6000	Total income	

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