

CONNECTION

Creating a stronger network of existing urban community gardens will have several benefits for residents and the community in general.

Educational connection

- Knowledge sharing
- Garden workshops
- Urban agriculture Academy



"53% of the participants preferred a website"

"20% of the participants preferred workshops at existing community gardens"

"85% of the participants stated that they would be interested in an urban agriculture academy"

"An app like 'marketplace' where you post things you want to get rid of and can search for things you still need. Marketplace for gardens, a place where everyone who is connected to a garden can connect to the app. That's also a connection."

Social and Cultural Connection

- Plant Swaps
- Increasing accessibility
- Community Garden Club
- Garden Tours



Generational Approach

- Intergenerational approach

"In our neighbourhood, you have the Cararabic foundation for young people. They have quite an influence on those young people. They could do something for the young people and then those young people might also feel more motivated to maintain the environment."



GARDENING

Urban gardening is a great social connector, it helps to improve people's mental health, creates more cohesion and allows people from different cultural and economical backgrounds to work together.

Professional Approach

- Professional Gardener
- Board
- Corporate social responsibility



"The gardener must have the knowledge to connect people and bring them together."

"Our chairman is also a good motivator"

"People could focus on finding an expert, for example a professional gardener"



Youth & School Gardens

- Promote healthy eating habits
- Learn how to care for plants and work together
- Learn about biodiversity and sustainable agriculture



Greenhouses & Tunnel

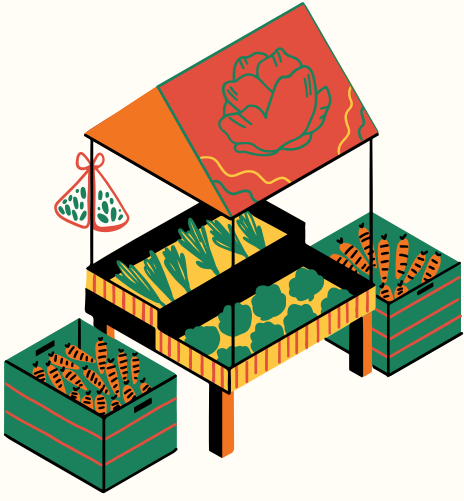
- Effective way to increase productivity and extend the growing season of community gardens

"Yeah the tunnels are very cheap, but they do not work in winter. The main advantage is that they can expand the cultivating season. You can start the sowing earlier and the harvesting later."



Design a food chain

- Establishing a food co-op
- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program
- Partnerships with local food businesses



Guerilla Gardening

- Plant flowers, herbs, and vegetables in public places
- Enhances the visual appeal of urban spaces
- Healthier and more sustainable urban environments



ECO-FRIENDLY

Create rooftop gardens

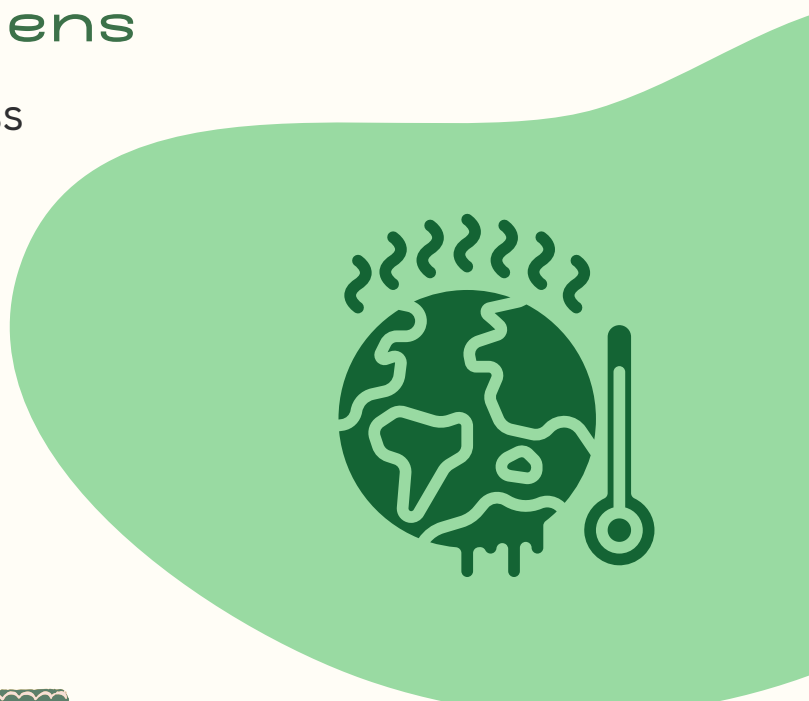
- Improve aesthetic attractiveness
- Promote sustainability
- Provide various benefits

Better air quality

Improved stormwater management

Lower energy costs

Reducing the urban heat island effect



ALTERNATIVES

Urban gardening solutions need to work side by side with other price reduction focused solutions. Alternative ideas and suggestions were created that could potentially work in the AZO.

Food bank

- Free access to fresh produce for economically disadvantaged people
- Connect urban gardens to food banks



“Yes, I think the food bank is a nice idea! If the harvest is worth it, because there is not that much left over.”



Pay what you can

- Pay-what-you-can system
- Income based payment

“Yeah, when you have a good garden then you can think about the system. Poorer people can save money while richer people can pay more. So, you can connect the poor and rich people.”

Distribution

- Waste vegetables market
- Food Processing workshops
- Community kitchen
- Waste vegetable bag

