

# ONTARIO 150 Youth-led Gardens – Ottawa 2017



This project is being coordinated by Faith & The Common Good in Ottawa.

Three youth-led garden projects at faith communities in Ottawa will be chosen to participate for the 2017 gardening season. Selected youth-led projects will receive up to \$2500 in funds for their gardens, an ONTARIO 150 garden sign, an on-site outdoor greening sustainability consultation and local partnership support during the gardening season and for the public garden event.

## **Garden projects must:**

- be organized by a local Ottawa faith community
- be installed on faith community, school\* or public\* property
- installed and completed in the 2017 gardening season
- be led by at least five youth (aged 10 - 21 years)
- display the ONTARIO 150 garden sign at their project site

\*Faith community must have permission from the proper organization for installation on school or public property

**Please note:** The garden projects can involve people of all ages but must be led and involve at least five youth as per above.

## **Participating youth-led gardens will be asked to:**

- report monthly on expenses and volunteer hours
- hold one public event to invite the local community to benefit from the garden
- document the youth-led garden project with photos and videos
- provide a short blog entry on the garden project for FCG website

The youth that participate in the garden will be asked to fill out a short participation survey at the end of the project. Lessons learned from the season along with photos and videos will be shared in an end-of-year webinar that faith communities & youth will be invited to join.

## **Garden Project Description**

Applicants are asked to provide a description of their proposed youth-led project. Types of gardens include pollinator, sacred medicine wheel, meditation/prayer garden, xeriscaping, fruit and berry orchard, rain garden, native shrub hedgerow, wildlife, community vegetable garden or a combination of these or propose your own type of garden!

Description of the proposed youth-led garden project should include type of garden, size of garden, approximate number of plants to purchase, how many people will participate, current resources, goals of project, community aspect of project, other groups and/or organizations that will be involved, and approximate timelines for the project and public garden event.

### **Garden Budget**

Applicants are asked to provide a list of items that are needed for the garden project and the approximate cost. Eligible garden items can include: tools, softscaping (plants, soil, soil amendments) hardscaping materials (lumber, gravel) and renting of garden machinery. Please check with FCG if there are other types of expenses in your project to determine if they are eligible. (Salaries, overhead and administration are not eligible.)

### **Public Garden Event**

All participating youth-led gardens will be required to host one public garden event. This can be a planting day event, a garden blessing event, a garden workshop, an end of season celebration or other event that you propose. If available, local MPPs or their representatives will attend.

### **Questions or Concerns**

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like assistance with the application form, please contact Katherine Forster at [kforster@faithcommongood.org](mailto:kforster@faithcommongood.org).

Link to the Ottawa Chapter webpage is:

<http://greeningsacredspaces.net/regional-chapters/ottawa-chapter/>

Please note: there may be delays in answers to emails around the long weekend of April.

## **Online Application**

Applications must be filled out and submitted online. Link to application:

<https://goo.gl/forms/TSqGbY3JiGmJrtkW2>

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS TUESDAY MAY 9th END OF DAY.**

Applicants will be notified during the week of May 15 – 19 regarding status of application.

We look forward to partnering on these youth-led gardens this year!



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