

Happy Refugee Week



WHAT IS ON

Refugee Week

The theme of Refugee Week this year is "Our Home". We are celebrating this with our participants and other organization in Manchester.

News from the Garden

Since the start of the year and as the weather starts to become warm and flowers blossom we have been busy with lots of activities.



OUR HOME

Refugee week
17-23 June 2024

Refugee Week is a significant event honoring the resilience and contributions of refugees. This year's theme, "Our Home," explores the journey of finding safety and belonging in new places.

Growing Together charity participated by showing artwork by our participants at Salford University in an event celebrating Refugee Week, reflecting the theme. At a MACC-organized event, we also had the chance to present our garden, with two participants sharing their experiences.

One participant beautifully captured their feelings: "For years away from the homeland, the feeling of safety and happiness slowly disappeared. Depression took over, but eventually, I built my home here in the UK. I feel grateful to God as my situation improved. Refugee Week affects me in two ways: it makes me sad, reminding me of the past, but also happy, celebrating Refugee Week."

NEWS FROM THE GARDEN



We did a lot at the garden with the help of our wonderful volunteers and participants

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Kitchen: The transformation of having a separate kitchen in the garden, has brought a wonderful change. Our amazing cooks, who are members of the garden family for a long time, have been kindly preparing vegan recipes for about 60 people every Tuesday. Their dedication has made it possible for us to enjoy delicious meals and the joy of sharing lunch together. We couldn't have this delightful experience without them.

Summer Party: We had our summer party in May where we sang and danced and had food together. Participants cooked food from their country and desserts to share with everyone at the garden. We loved having kids at the party. Kids and some adult participants liked playing the Nature Bingo game.



Steering Group: In month May, we had our steering group meeting through which participants planned a group trip, what vegetable to plants and how to use the space in front of the kitchen. Now with the help of the volunteers and the participants we will have a sitting area in front of the kitchen to sit all together and have lunch, have protection from rain and will be building a washing up sink. We also brainstormed ideas to include in funding applications. We decided to plant broad beans, garlic, tomatoes, lots of onions and herbs. We also planted a lot of lettuce which we were having in our Tuesday salads and shared some with the participants to take home.

Forest Garden: We are developing and extending our forest garden, working in partnership with Hulme Garden Centre; we have cleared some space and made new paths around trees, and we are ready for the next phase, where we will introduce new culinary and medicinal herbs, flowers, veg plants and fruits trees.

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