

Community Gardens & Orchards

Edinburgh College



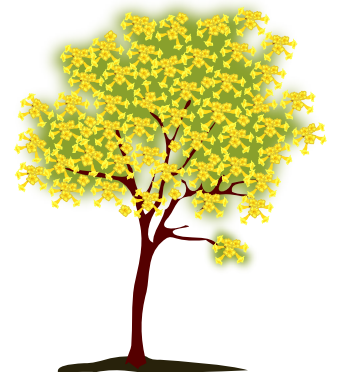
The project

With the first communal garden established by students in 2012, the college now has 2 thriving multi-purpose **community gardens** used by students, staff and members of the local community. The gardens are managed sustainably, avoid pesticides and encourage natural methods such as companion planting.



Outcomes and implications

- The Gardens have over 350 participants
- Sustainable management of the gardens and orchards attracted a new range of insects and wildflowers, increasing on-site **biodiversity**
- Provides an opportunity to keep the discussion focused on **sustainability** as well as sparking an interest for increased biodiversity on-site, which resulted in the setting of a target for 75% of campus being wildflower meadow by 2023



SDGs

The project addresses **SDG3** encourages staff, students and community members to be **outdoors** and reconnect with nature, improving their **health and wellbeing**, and support mental or physical health issues

By adopting **sustainable growing practices**, increasing biodiversity on campus, and setting ambitious targets, the project supports the delivery of **SDG15**

