



## Spring 2018 Courses



We have a variety of courses that are free to Hackney residents:

### 8-Week Introduction to Gardening

- ◆ Starts Sat 7th April 10.30am-1.30pm (*fully booked*) and Sat 2nd June 10.30am-1.30pm (*vacancies available*)

**Come Gardening: 18-week course for people with Learning Disabilities** (*vacancies available*)

- ◆ Starts Tues 13th March 10am-1pm

**Gardening with Added Wellbeing: 16 week Course for people with Experience of Mental Ill Health** (*vacancies available*)

- ◆ Starts Tues 27th March 1.30pm-4.30pm

Call, email or drop in to book a place

## Opening Saturdays for limited time

While we run the above weekend course we will be open 10:30am-1:30pm Saturdays - open for sales of bedding plants (geraniums, lobelia, nemesia), perennials, herbs and vegetable plants.

Thanks to our volunteers for supporting this venture.

## Events

**Open Gardens & Squares Weekend 2018** We will be opening just for the Saturday 9th June 10am-7pm

Our annual pop-up vintage café plus some new surprises for the evening opening time!

**Look out for Dementia Awareness Week Festival 2018** We are open Wed 23rd May 11-1 for a bit of Garden Art. All people with dementia and their Carers are welcome. Please book with us.

## Fundraising – London Marathon

In these difficult times funds are much needed so please support us to keep providing our services & opportunities to those in need.

We are raising money so, we can open for longer and at weekends and continue to provide opportunities for the community for free.

- £2 can buy a packet of organic seeds to grow with kids or people with learning disabilities
- £8 will help us get an easy fastening gardening apron to protect our gardener's clothes
- £80 could provide a horticultural therapy workshop for people living with HIV and cognitive impairments.

Paul Foinette, a Hackney Parks Department Employee, is running the London Marathon to raise funds for us. You can give at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paul-foinette1> or

<https://www.justgiving.com/stmaryssecretgarden> Or pop in & donate a pound in our collection box – all donations in March/April will be going to our marathon runner.



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We would like to thank the lovely people at Oktra who baked loads of cakes and managed to raise nearly £300 for us!

Don't forget you can nip in to Mr Lyan at Hoxton for a cocktail and to donate to us at the same time,

## Other News

After a year with us we wish all our Team London volunteers well and thank them for all their hard work. We will be seeing many of them again.

Pop to St Mary's Estate to watch the Spring bulbs planted by our gardeners and the Bank of America. The bulbs are blooming lovely despite a tough winter!

