

Discussion on Revitalization of the Rooftop Garden in SVNH

Different group is responsible for the garden every week, so everyone gets a chance to participate- downside: would need to train everyone so it might be better to train one group to take care of the project. **Train a group of youth to take care of the garden.**

Hold actual training and information sessions to prepare the people who will be actually working on the project. Long-term maintenance commitment: a template schedule could be made so every volunteer knows when they are expected to take care of the garden.

Incorporate both theoretical and practical knowledge into the same session- **deliver info session at same time of actual gardening:** hands-on demonstrations.

Once the garden is growing and we know **how much time is required** to determine time input required and establish which groups will take care of what and how much time they'll need to commit:

- Time availability will be approximately 2 hours per week, per person.

Insect prevention plan for planting carrots or onions (not herbicides?) Insects have been destroying the leaves of the trees in rooftop garden.

What they're excited for:

- Actual harvesting of the plants. The planting process.
- Being able to see the growth process as opposed to planting and eating.
- How can we make use of natural fertilizers? Composting, using remnants from other plants...

Gardening preferences:

- Fruits- berries
- Leafy greens
- Flowers
- **Tomatoes** (cherry, yellow because it's easier to digest),
- **Hot peppers**- easy and don't require much time investment.
- Garlic, **black beans**, hot peppers

Future projects:

- **Mobile Food market**- the food produced in the rooftop garden could later be sold in the markets.
- Bring the youth to the garden to create more awareness of the existing facilities. Before: to create awareness of the existing facilities. When the garden is going: to get people interested and engaged in the project.
- Have a cooking session using the food that has been grown in the garden.
- Creating contests and games around the food to make the project more exciting and appealing.

- Interesting recipes could be distributed, taking into account local produce and the actual food being grown in the rooftop garden.