

INVITE YOUR COMMUNITY IN



Invite your community in to both enjoy and support your garden. You never know what skills and passions they may have to keep your garden growing. From community garden builds to community potlucks, there are a lot of ways to bring people into the space. Here are a few fresh ideas.

OPEN SCHOOL GARDENS DAY EVENT PROMOTER PACKET

Developed by Life Lab and supported by Whole Kids Foundation, this packet provides everything you'll need to create an open house for school gardens in your community, including tips, templates for signs and emails, sample media communications, and more!

YOUTH FARM STAND

Have a surplus of garden produce, herbs, or flowers? Engage your students and enlist their entrepreneurial spirit to sell to your community. Not only will you bring your community into the garden but you may also make a little money to support your garden.

Utilize the Denver Youth Farm Stand Toolkit to get started! Created by the Denver Youth Farm Stand Coalition, a partnership between DC Urban Greens and Slow Foods USA, this toolkit is based on over a decade of experience running more 30 youth-run markets.

GARDEN TO CAFETERIA

Bring your garden produce onto the lunch-line and truly create a seed-to-plate experience for your students! Check out the Garden to Cafeteria Toolkit developed by Slow Food USA and Whole Kids Foundation to support your food service team in setting up the correct health and safety protocols so that your students can safely bring the produce into the cafeteria. You'll also find sample protocols from districts that have already accomplished this.