

WATERFORD FESTIVAL OF FOOD, DUNGARVAN

'Make and Plant-up' your own Mini Vegetable Garden

Primary Schools Project : Participation Guidelines



Participants :

1. All primary Schools in County Waterford are welcome to submit an application(s) to participate in this 'two part' project
2. Schools must return **entry form** by email, post or by hand by **Wednesday 21st December, 2011** (see footer).
3. Participants will be invited to meet and get advice from a team of GIY (grow it yourself) volunteers on Saturday January 14th on their project at the Glanbia CountryLife Store.
4. Participating teams should keep a log book charting the progress of the project from the first planning meet to the completion stage. Photographs, video clips etc. could be used to chart progress.

Basic Requirements :

PART 1 : BUILDING THE "MINI VEGETABLE GARDEN"

1. The project is divided into two phases with the first phase requiring schools to construct a 'grow container' which must meet the following specification:
 - Must be portable
 - Must be recycled or made from recycled materials
 - Must allow a minimum of 6 different varieties of herbs, fruit or vegetable plants to grow
2. All teams will be invited to bring their containers to a venue yet to be arranged during the first week of March to explain to a panel of judges how they planned and made their container.
3. **PRIZES** to the value of €250 and €100 each respectively will be awarded to the top container and two runners-up. Containers should be :
 - Fit for purpose
 - Creatively designed
 - Soundly constructed
 - Attractive
 - The result of a good collaborative approach (as evidenced by the 'Project's Log')

PART 2 : PLANTING UP YOUR "MINI VEGETABLE GARDEN"

1. Following the completion of Part 1 the second part of the project requires teams to plant up their boxes with a minimum of 6 different varieties of herbs, fruit or vegetable plants.
2. On Thursday April 12th participants will be invited to bring their 'mini vegetable garden' to an agreed venue where a panel of judges will review the results and talk to the Team members.
3. **PRIZES** to the value of €250 and €100 each respectively will be awarded to the top mini vegetable garden and two runners-up awarded.

TIPS TO REMEMBER:

- a) Start by drawing out the design for your Mini Vegetable Garden on a sheet of paper
- b) Decide which varieties of vegetables, herbs or fruit you are going to use (it's more fun and works out cheaper if you grow them from seed)
- c) Start off with seed trays, plant pots or other containers rather than planting straight into your Mini Vegetable Garden as you don't know how big things are going to grow
- d) Make sure you keep all your seeds & seedlings watered (make sure your mini Vegetable garden has drainage holes as vegetable plants dislike sitting with their feet in water!)
- e) Grow more seeds than you need, then pick the best plants to replant into your Mini Vegetable Garden
- f) Look out for more growing tips on Facebook.com/GIYDungarvan each week and attend the first advisory session with the GIY team on Saturday January 14th at the Glanbia CountryLife Store.

Please note that this project is a collaboration between your School and



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