

CATEGORY 3: URBAN GARDENING – CREATIVE GARDENING IN THE CITY



ROSWITHA WOLF/ GARDEN THERAPY WORKSHOP (AT, 2017) DAS GARTENWERK

The garden is not only a cultivation area for the needs of us humans but also a habitat for flora and fauna – this is how the University of Agricultural and Environmental Teacher Training understands its project. A key objective is to experience the garden and nature with instructions to perception and attention, as well as to combine the aspects of ecology, social affairs and economy as a basis of sustainable development. On an area of 100 m², a classic structuring with a raised bed, compost and greenhouse, as well as older fruit and shrub plantings can be seen beside a “wild” biodiversity part. Special attention is given to xerophilous species, given that the plants are not watered on a daily basis. A project team is in charge of the preservation and processing of the plants of this therapy garden. Organic gardening is not only to generate sustainable yields, but also to contribute to a functioning ecosystem. Twice a week, refugees waiting for a decision on their asylum applications, work in the garden, with Assisted Living residents joining them once a week. The target groups have been selected on purpose in order to contribute to integration with both space and resources. On the premises, garden furniture are repaired, and many edible plants are used. Courses and different cooperation projects with associations, such as Igor or Green Care, are integrated in order to allow an interdisciplinary cooperation with experts and students.

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