**DCU Community Garden Membership Form**

The ethos governing this initiative will be that it is an open, all inclusive community garden that will be utilised as a resource for teaching, research, education, training, recreation and community engagement. As a community garden work is undertaken jointly and reward is based on time committed to the garden. Your time spent in the garden is recorded by you in the Garden time record book in Shed II – it is your responsibility to record your time accurately.

Garden Tasks will be displayed on the Notice board in Shed II – if you have completed a task please cross it off the list.

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| Applicant Name:  |  |
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| Member ship TypePlease circle | DCU Staff memberDCU Student (under and post graduate) Local Community (Employed)Local Community (Retired/unemployed)CE/TUS Programme Participant | Payment Type | Money  Time |
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| Address:  |  |
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| Telephone: (H) (W) or (M)  |  |
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| Email:  |  |
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| Next of Kin:  |  |
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| Telephone of Next of Kin in case of emergency : (H) (W) or (M)  |  |
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| My preferred focus would be :Growing fruit and vegCaring for the borders and common areas of the gardenOrganizing membersTeaching others about gardeningFundraising and finding sponsorsGrant seekingPublicity (distributing flyers, graphic design, talking to the media, etc.)Other – Please specify : |

* I confirm that I have read understand and will abide by the DCU Community Garden Pledge
* I confirm that I have read, understand and will abide by the health and safety regulations set down for the DCU community Garden.
* I agree not to undertake any unauthorised work within the DCU Community Garden.
* I confirm that if I open the gate to the community garden I will ensure that it is locked again at the end of the day.
* I agree that any breaches of the above commitment may result in my exclusion from the Garden.

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| Signature  |  | Date |

**Email completed forms to** **garden@dcu.ie** **or send to Samantha Fahy, DCU, Glasnevin, Dublin 9**

**Membership Rates**

Membership fees can be paid for in either euros or time.

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| **Membership Type** | **Rates per semester\*** |
| **Euro €** | **Time Hrs\*\*** |
| DCU Staff member | €25 | 10 |
| DCU Student (under and post graduate) | €10 | 10 |
| Local Community (Employed) | €25 | 10 |
| Local Community (Retired/unemployed) | €10 | 10 |
| CE/TUS Programme Participant | NA | NA |

\*Semester – two semester per annum Sept –Jan and Feb – August

\*\* Time does not directly equate to money as everyone’s time in the community garden is counted as equal

CE/TUS Programme (or similar programme) participants are not required to contribute a membership fee.

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**Membership Pledge**

* Garden members pledge to abide by the rules of the DCU Community Garden
* Participation at the garden is at the individuals own risk. Dublin City University is not liable for any injury to garden users, their invited friends, nor for the loss of any possessions.
* Garden members pledge not to interfere with the rights and opportunities of others using the plots and garden in general.
* All rubbish will be carried away and disposed of off the garden site. Materials stored on site will be on group plot or in the communal shed (if available).
* Individual safety and that of other users is paramount – all users are required to work and use tools in a controlled and safe manner.
* Supervision of any children (under 16) at the garden is required.
* Dogs are not permitted on the community garden site.
* Security of the garden and garden plots is very important – Garden users will ensure that they report any suspicious activity.
* Garden rules on watering, maintenance, fertilizing etc must be followed as they are developed and agreed.
* Strict sustainable gardening principles for the management of pests and diseases must be followed. Inorganic pesticides or herbicides cannot be used.
* No illicit or banned substances will be grown, any attempt to do so will be reported to the Garda Siochana immediately.
* No fences can be erected around plots
* Involvement at the garden and the opportunity to use a plot is a privilege, not a right.
* All donations must be approved by Sam Fahy before being brought onto the DCU Community Garden Site. Information relating to the donor must be provided.