

Gardening 101

Passing on knowledge about plants and nature to our children living in cities is important since most of them don't have access to a garden to see how it all works.

An afternoon at a club member's garden is the perfect time and place location for this event. The target group is mothers with young children. The cost is 15€ per family. They will need to wear clothes that can get dirty!

Preparation is the key. A trip to the garden center for potting soil, seeds, and small pots is necessary. We were fortunate that pots and seeds were donated for the 25 children we had at our event.. Some research on plants and insects will need to be done and perhaps some children's picture books from the library will help reinforce the idea of how plants grow. Posters showing photosynthesis and good bugs are a plus. It might be interesting if have games that included nature themes.

Set up time is fairly quick: Setting up a table or two to work on and a few blankets for sitting on for a short lesson and discussion on plants, insects, photosynthesis.

This fundraiser runs for about three hours including snacks at the last half an hour. The moms are the volunteers who help the hostess.

No prizes are offered, but kids take their pots home and we encourage them to give an update on their progress.

Guests are invited to the garden. After an introduction there is a short talk about planting seeds and what happens in the garden. The kids are given pots and seeds, which they planted with the help of their moms. The kids also played together in the garden for a bit after planting their pots. Snacks and drinks are available and everyone took their items home.

About one hour is needed for clean-up. Less if the moms and kids pitch in.

This is a perfect fundraiser that coincides with the 2023-2025 Target Project Awesome Blossoms.

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GOOD LUCK AND HAVE A GREAT EVENT!