

4 - 6 May 2018
Antrim Castle Gardens

Team Garden Challenge
kindly supported by Enkalon Foundation

Teams are invited from individuals and organisations throughout Northern Ireland to have a go at designing and building a garden!

The finished gardens will be on display at Allianz Garden Show Ireland which takes place 4 - 6 May 2018 at Antrim Castle Gardens.

Teams may consist of members of community groups or clubs, work colleagues, fellow charity workers, a group of friends, students or family members – anyone who would like to get together in a fun exercise and have a go at building a garden!

The Garden

- The gardens are outside and measure 3m x 3m.
- The planning time is left to the individual organisations to take as much or as little time as they wish to design and plan their garden. They then have the challenge of building it in **one day!**
- The actual build time takes place on the day prior to the opening of Allianz Garden Show Ireland 2018 at Antrim Castle Gardens on Thursday 3 May 2018 from 9am to 5pm.
- Participants will be required to provide all their own materials. A suggestion might be to build a frame and then work within that frame, using soil, bark etc.
- The garden plots will not be fenced off. This is so that teams can bring their own fencing so as not to compromise their design.
- There is no maximum number of team members and if teams feel they are not going to make the deadline they may draft in extra helpers.
- Each Garden will be identified by a sign provided by Garden Show Ireland using the team's name.
- The team should put up a small sign explaining the rationale behind the garden.
- Breakdown is from 6.00pm on Sunday 6 May 2018 (or teams may prefer to do this on Monday 7 May). Each plot must be restored to its original condition.

Theme

- The theme for the Team Garden Challenge gardens in 2018 is: **Something Old, Something New!**
The theme can be interpreted in any way you like.
Your garden might focus on re-cycling (which is always a key element in the judging criteria of the Team Garden Challenge) but it might equally focus on the traditional rhyme that brings good luck to a bride. You might even be inspired by a film that has used that traditional rhyme, or just focus on new beginnings that spring from something old the way plants reappear in springtime or just wherever the creativity of team members leads them!
- The judges will be looking for imagination and creativity in your interpretation!

Re-cycling & re-using

- Teams are encouraged to re-cycle and re-use in creating their garden – in the top materials used, and props or containers for instance.
- Judges will be looking for imaginative re-use of materials throughout!

Budget

Each team may spend as much or as little on their garden as they like, as long as the total cost does not exceed £500. It will be up to the imagination and creativity of the team to produce a

garden within that budget using materials that have been purchased, borrowed, recycled or homemade.

Assistance with Expenses

- Assistance up to a total of £300 towards expenses is available to eligible groups due to the support of the Enkalon Foundation. This applies to community groups and charities. You just need to send in receipts of purchases for your garden after the Show. So be sure to keep them!
- In addition, one of our participants at the Show, **Creative Gardens** who have garden centres at Galgorm, Bushmills and Donaghadee has kindly offered a discount on plants to Team Garden Challenge participants. A voucher will be issued after your Garden Application is received.
- If you have queries please get in touch with Joy (contact details below).

Barbecue!

- A barbecue for all Team Challenge participants will be provided at lunchtime on Thursday 3 May during the build. So there'll be a chance to relax, meet other team members, and have a bite to eat.

Viewing by the Public

- The gardens will be on show at Allianz Garden Show Ireland for the three days of the Show from 4 - 6 May 2018. Opening times of the Show are 10.00am-6.00pm each day.
- Team members are encouraged to attend and promote their group or organisation if that is appropriate.

Judging/Awards

- Gardens will be judged by the Team Challenge Garden Judges and Awards presented at the Awards Ceremony on Friday 4 May 2018.
- Judges will be looking for interpretation of theme, creativity, budgeting and good teamwork.
- Awards will be presented in the following categories:
 - Best Overall Team Challenge Garden
 - Most Creative Interpretation of Theme
 - Best Use of Re-cycled Materials
 - Best Teamwork
 - Best Design

Media Coverage

We shall make every effort to maximise media coverage of the building period and of the gardens during the Show.

Safety and Supervision

- Each team is responsible for providing adequate and appropriate levels of supervision participants. This is particularly important during the construction of the garden, as there will be considerable movement of vehicles and equipment on site during that time.
- Teams must ensure that appropriate training and supervision is given in relation to the equipment and materials being used. Teams are responsible for ensuring that participants use personal protective equipment if needed.
- Garden Show Ireland is committed to ensuring a safe and pleasant environment for participants and visitors. In the (hopefully unlikely) event of a participant behaving in an inappropriate or dangerous manner, we will have no alternative but to request their immediate removal from the site.

Above all the Team Garden Challenge should be a fun day's activity!

Queries

If you have any queries, please contact Joy at joy@gardenshowireland.com or tel 0044 (0) 7921 494274.

Or check the website at: www.gardenshowireland.com/get-involved/build-a-garden/