 

**Growing the Social Role of Botanic Gardens**

**– Request for Case Studies**

**ABOUT**

BGCI is compiling a database of case studies to showcase the work of botanic gardens across the globe that have run or are currently running socially relevant **community engagement projects** focusing on those individuals and groups who are most excluded from society.

There are a number of ‘dimensions’ which can lead to people becoming excluded from society; these can be complex and are sometimes interlinked[[1]](#footnote-1):

* Economic (e.g. long-term unemployment; workless households; income poverty)
* Social (e.g. homelessness; crime; disaffected youth)
* Political (e.g. disempowerment; lack of political rights; alienation from/lack of confidence

in political processes)

* Neighbourhood (e.g. decaying housing stock; environmental degradation)
* Individual (e.g. mental and physical ill health; educational underachievement)
* Spatial (e.g. concentration/marginalisation of vulnerable groups)
* Group (concentration of above characteristics in particular groups, e.g. disabled, elderly, ethnic minorities)

We are presenting each case study on an **interactive world map** which is accessible on the Education Centre of BGCI’s website[www.bgci.org/education/community-projects-map/](http://www.bgci.org/education/community-projects-map/).. This online resource pays tribute to current community projects and serve as a source of inspiration for new initiatives. **We invite you to contribute a case study following the format below.**

**FORM GUIDANCE**

Please type your answers concisely in the boxes provided. The form does not need to be printed. We understand that some questions may not be applicable to your project(s).

If your botanic garden runs several community projects, we ask that you fill out a new copy of this form for each project. We are interested in both completed *and* current projects.

**Completed case study forms should be emailed back to:** [Liliana.derewnicka@gbci.org](mailto:Liliana.derewnicka@gbci.org)

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

We are keen to include project photographs, video footage and audio recordings in as many case studies as possible. Additionally, we would like to provide links to published papers/reports on community projects. **Please contact:** [Liliana.derewnicka@gbci.org](mailto:Liliana.derewnicka@gbci.org) with details of any such resources.

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| **BOTANIC GARDENS CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL**  **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CASE STUDY**  **Please use the size of each box as a word limit guideline** |
| **RESPONDENT CONTACT DETAILS**  **Name of botanic garden** Click here to enter text.  **City** Click here to enter text.. **Country** Click here to enter text.  **Name of respondent** Click here to enter text.  **Post held** Click here to enter text.  **Key contact email** Click here to enter text. |
| **ABOUT YOUR BOTANIC GARDEN** |
| **Please provide a one sentence description of your botanic garden:**  Click here to enter text. |
| **PROJECT OVERVIEW** |
| **Name of project**  Click here to enter text.. |
| **Aim of project**  Click here to enter text.. |
| **Project objectives**  Click here to enter text.. |
| **Project start date** Click here to enter text.. **Anticipated end date** Click here to enter text.. |
| **How is your project funded? (Please give the names of sponsors and funders along with details of how you obtained your initial funding and the sustainability of the project. I.e. is the project included in the core funding of the garden or do you re-apply every year?)**  Click here to enter text. |
| **PROJECT DESCRIPTION [400 words maximum]**  **In the box below, give a brief description of the project covering:**  - **Which community groups were involved**  - **Methods used to engage with these groups**  - **Project activities**  - **Any partner organizations**  Click here to enter text. |
| **What social issues does your project address?**  **This includes work with marginalized groups, Community groups with social problems etc. A good exsiting example can be found here :** [**http://www.bgci.org/garden.php?id=272#tabs-2**](http://www.bgci.org/garden.php?id=272#tabs-2)  Click here to enter text. |
| **What environmental issues does your project address?**  **Such as by enabling public participation in plant/biodiversity conservation etc. A good existing example can be found here:** [**http://www.bgci.org/garden.php?id=2344#tabs-2**](http://www.bgci.org/garden.php?id=2344#tabs-2)  **:**Click here to enter text. |
| **Project successes**  Click here to enter text. |
| **Impact of the project**  Click here to enter text. |
| **Following the end of the project, what are/will be the next steps?**  Click here to enter text. |
| **COMPLETED PROJECTS** |
| **How have you evaluated your project? (Please include references and links to evaluation reports, where possible)**  Click here to enter text. |
| **What is the legacy of the project within the community?**  Click here to enter text. |
| **Following this project, has there been a change in your botanic garden’s visitor demographic?**    **If “Yes” describe change:**  Click here to enter text. |

Thank you for your response

1. Janie Percy-Smith (ed) *Policy responses to social exclusion: towards inclusion?* Open University Press, 2000 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)