

Germany

New brochure:

„For a better future – Projects in the allotment garden“.

Many ideas arise in the allotment gardens and are then effectively put into practice. The central allotment garden federation (Bundesverband Deutscher Gartenfreunde) wanted to know what really happens in the gardens ? The member federations sent in many projects.

Allotment gardens are not only a valuable complement to urban green, but are as well a cultural and vital area for many people. The allotment gardeners of today do not only cultivate fruit and vegetables, but are very active in the society. They are active far beyond the limits of their allotment garden site. Every second association has intensive contacts and partnerships with social institutions. The much diversified social, cultural and ecological functions of the allotment garden movement are shown by the numerous projects of the different associations.

Representative choices of nearly 30 projects have now been published by the central federation in its new brochure. These chosen projects may stimulate the associations to imitate them and additionally show the diversity in the allotment garden activities in an impressive manner.

The brochure containing 82 pages is also very suitable to present the realisations and the diversity in the allotment garden movement to people who are not familiar with it. The brochure is intended to be addressed to politicians and administrative authorities as well as to the public in general because pictures often say more than words.

The central federation would like to thank all the allotment garden organisations, federations and associations, as well as their leaders and members who have realized these projects with engagement and enthusiasm. Without their help this brochure could not have been realized either.

The brochure is divided into several chapters regrouping the projects according to their main aim:

- Social projects:
 - Projects for children and young people
 - Other social projects
 - Gardens destined to provide people without resources with food and to try their reinsertion into society
 - Intercultural gardens
- Culture in the allotment gardens
- Ecological and gardening cultural projects:
 - Nature and educative paths
 - Herb – fruit – and gardens with shrubs

- Cultural projects:
 - Cultural events
 - Art exhibitions in allotment gardens

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