



Leith Community Croft

A journey, a mission, a story of change





Began in dull, grey, barren back yard in heart of Leith.

Several factors contributed:

Being made redundant during maternity leave

Children abandoned into my care

Importance to get traumatised children outdoors - nature-play.

Deprived, densely populated & built-up area riddled with decades of inequality and drug problems.



Expanding family meant:

Increased Recycling

Food costs rising

Food waste increased

Environmental impact of our food system coupled with supermarket dominance which led to the extraction of wealth from our communities and declining quality of food.

Addressing the trauma inflicted on communities was the mission.



Local beginnings

Creating a little urban oasis in my backyard

Seeds of Resilience – food systems change always part of the dream





Branching out into the community

Growing in nurseries and primary schools

Guerilla gardening in churches and other spaces

School children and parent council involvement

Transforming new dull grey environments

The very 1st flyer inviting community to clean up the derelict land

A decade of consultation

The croft development plan was forged using various meetings to understand what people wanted in their space. This people led movement was the only reason we were able to argue for stewardship over a common asset. This community consultation was vital, and it is the beating heart of the croft. The croft itself was named after an online consultation.

Planning for our Community Growing Space



Let's take a tour and explore the grounds together
Tour Starts: 1:30pm

Let's get together and imagine what is possible?!

Bring your children, your friends or your relatives along!

Bring some locally sourced grub to share.

IMAGINE SATURDAY

19th October 2013 @ 1pm till 4pm

Our community has got an exciting opportunity to develop a derelict 2 acre part of Leith Links into a Community Growing Space. How would you like it to be used? Would you like to get involved?

Come meet us and bring some ideas along.
The gardeners of [Leith Unite!](#)



www.leithcommunitycrospinots.com

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) - SCO44220

In Leith Links Park
Look for the Gazebo on the Johns place side of the park
1pm till 4pm on 19th October





The significant efforts to transform the croft began

The croft in the early days had no lease and therefore no funds, all improvements made were done using our own creativity free time and community determination.



Thriving Community Participation

Led to lease of the land and eventually funded program to support the efforts.



Croft Carbon College,
Mine Croft &
Edible Schoolyards



The start of croft enterprising activities

Croft Food Hub: Hingabootery, Café & Farmers' Market



Sustainable
Development
Goals



THE GLOBAL GOALS

Join us in working towards the United Nations
#Globalgoals
on Leith Community Croft

BECOME A GROUP MEMBER TODAY
earth-in-common.org/group-member-apply



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FREE Bike Repairs for Key Workers
Contact: tom@croppsinpots.org
For capacity reasons we are only able to fix one bike

How our local initiatives connect us to national and even international policy

The
NEW NORMAL
Starts now!





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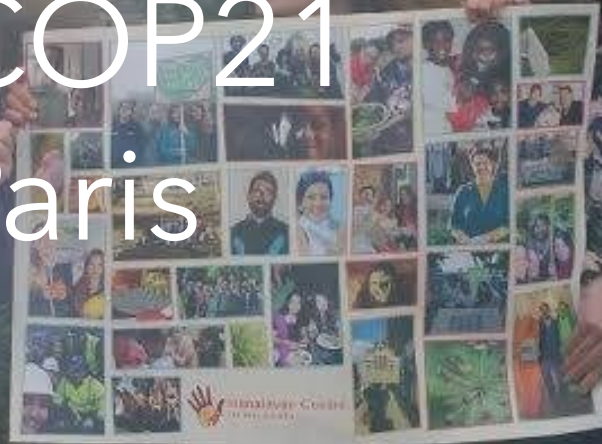


Pushing for change Scotland's Good Food Nation Act



Participation in COP21 mobilisation in Paris

From Lerrth to Paris...WHY?
We are dependent on each other I WANT A VOICE
Tap into the power of people coming together
Our voices matter. The time is now to
explore the value of being heard
I'm part of it **valuing nurture**
#responsiblecitizens



It's time
to do things
differently





Arrived at the red lines protest in Paris

We are a campaigning organisation but we do not just talk about policy change, we also create real systemic change on the ground.



Global Movements

Contributing towards...

La Via Campesina
International Peasants'
Movement

International
Food Sovereignty Conference
Romania




Branching out - Malawi

- Scotland Malawi Partnership
- International Development Alliance
- Restorative Climate Justice



The importance of our local,
National and International work



LOSS & DAMAGE FUND

The world faces a race against time to reduce emissions and help the most vulnerable to cope with climate impacts that are already being faced today and will escalate in the years ahead.

Those that have done the least to contribute to the climate crisis will suffer the worst impacts as a result of our actions.

Supporting communities in Northern Malawi

Earth in Common have links with several villages in Northern Malawi who are suffering the consequences of Climate Change RIGHT NOW!

We intend for a % of our income to contribute towards supporting these communities.

In addition we also support Mother Elizabeth Organic Farm in Mzuzu as it develops a centre for organic farming. We want to nurture these fragile partnerships and build upon them.

www.earth-in-common.org/loss-and-damage



URBAN CROFTS- A FORCE FOR GOOD



Leith Community Croft is the physical form of Earth in Common, the base of our charity and the heart of our community.

Our concept of an Urban Croft brings together the members of the Leith community (technically all co-owners of the site) as a harmonious and co-operative family, working together to share their experience and skills, to address each other's needs, and to raise children in a healthy and responsible way, in touch with nature and the land.

We believe in an integrated vision of urban crofts that can help generate community solidarity and wellbeing, strengthen the local economy, and contribute to community wealth building and skill-training.

We emphasise that urban crofts are more than community gardens and very distinct from allotments. They foster a collective spirit, and can act as a powerful force for good in a world of growing inequality, loneliness, alienation, and environmental catastrophe.

Our income generating activities include a contribution to our own Loss and Damage fund for Malawi based partner projects.

WWW.EARTH-IN-COMMON.ORG

Launching... The New Hub





Launch

Celebrating a decade of efforts and relaunching our work on the croft which had been disrupted during the renovation project. The next decade is about rebuilding our community, setting a powerful example of change that ultimately offer some solutions towards addressing a world of multiple crises.

