



RESOURCE
PACK FOR BPOC
GROWERS

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Introduction

This resource pack was created as a part of the follow-up work for Land In Our Names' growers grants for Black people and people of colour (BPOC).

Land In Our Names launched the Growers Grants for Black people and People of Colour in September 2021. With £29,000 raised in the Quilt Fundraiser by Sui from Decolonise the Garden and Jess Bailey from Public Library Quilts, we set out to distribute 72 grants. With four tiers to support people in different stages of their growing journey, we were blown away by the enthusiasm and number of applications we received. There were a total of 334 valid applications and with the dedication of our four panellists, we were able to distribute 112 grants.

Our panellists gave us some feedback, finding that there were key needs amongst all our applicants. One was access to courses, secondly tools and books and learning resources, and finally - funding.

This pack was designed to support applicants of these growers grants to access further learning, tools, and resources to keep them going forward on their growing journeys.

We have contacted organisations requesting free and discounted courses, identified as many BPOC-led growing projects across the country as possible, and collated many webinars and resources in one place for you to find it easier to get what you need.

Whether you are somebody who grows occasionally, often, or you want to do it for a living, we hope the information on these pages supports you to keep doing what you love.

Thank you.



Courses

Here you can find a list of courses available at various levels from organisations across the country. The courses are listed from cheapest to most expensive. Many of these courses are available throughout the year - please do not be disheartened if some course application dates have passed for this round; keep an eye on them for next time.

Course	Organisation	Details	Location
New Economy Programme	Stir to Action	FREE airtable.com/shrSTsjKNQIAESr5N	Online
The Backyard Forest Gardening Course:	Nature Works	FREE FOR BPOC , promotional code at this link: natureworksgarden.gumroad.com/L/BackyardForest/reallocate	Online
Biodynamics in a Nutshell	Biodynamic Agricultural College	FREE learning.bdacollege.org.uk/courses/biodynamics-in-a-nutshell	Online
Level 1 City and Guilds Horticulture	OrganicLea	FREE for those meeting certain criteria or £175 for low income, organiclea.org.uk/we-help-you-grow-your-own/training-2/training/	London

Course	Organisation	Details	Location
Designing for Resilience	Permaculture Association	FREE PLACES FOR BPOC learn.permaculture.org.uk/c/designforresiliencefeb22/splash	Online
Growing Food in Small Spaces	Permaculture Association	£10 FOR THOSE ON LOW INCOME learn.permaculture.org.uk/c/how-to-grow-food-course/splash	Online
Forest Gardening Course	Agroforestry Research Trust	£15 per episode. Up to £200 for full course, www.agroforestry.co.uk/online-course/	Online
Level 2 Work-based Horticulture	Walworth Garden	FREE PLACES FOR UNEMPLOYED/LOW INCOME (or £549-2424) walworthgarden.org.uk/school	London
Soil Health and Regenerative Agriculture for Farmers	Niels Corfield	£82.80 nielscorfield.com/courses-on-demand/	Online
Soil Health for Growers	Niels Corfield	£109 nielscorfield.com/courses-on-demand/	Online

Course	Organisation	Details	Location
Level 1 Agriculture: Livestock and Lambing	Capel Manor College	£440 www.capel.ac.uk/course/agriculture/agriculture-livestock-and-lambing-award-level-1/	London
Growing Nut Crops	Agroforestry Research Trust	£169 www.agroforestry.co.uk/online-nut-crops/	Online
Master of Horticulture course (MHort)	Royal Horticultural Society (RHS – not organic but still valuable)	Payment breakdown here: rhs.org.uk/education-learning/pdf/qualifications/Master-of-Hort/mhort-fee-structure.pdf	Online
Diploma in Horticultural Practice	Royal Horticultural Society (RHS – not organic but still valuable)	Salaried www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/qualifications-and-training/work-based-training/rhs-diploma	Surrey

Other course providers:

- Various courses at Schumacher College including undergraduate, postgraduate and short courses – Prices vary
- Various courses at the Centre for Alternative Technology – Prices vary
- Courses at Capel Manor College – Prices vary
- Kew Gardens short courses – Prices vary
- Various horticultural diplomas and certificates at Kew Gardens School of Horticulture – Most salaried
- Directory of permaculture courses from Permaculture Association – Prices vary



Growing projects in the UK led by Black people and people of colour

Project	Website	Location	Contact
Community Apothecary	www.hedgeherbs.org.uk/community-apothecary	London	0208 257 0402
Aweside Farm	awesidefarm.co.uk	Sussex	07540301996
Willowbrook Farm	www.willowbrookfarm.co.uk	Oxford	07828160159
Black Rootz	www.ubele.org/black-rootz	London	08007720220
Soul Farm	www.soulfarm.co.uk	Cornwall	N/A
May Project Gardens	www.mayproject.org	London	N/A
Inquilaab Farms	www.facebook.com/inquilaabfarms	London	N/A
Coco Collective	coco-collective-community-hub.business.site	London	07801794884

Jobs

Here you can find links to forums, websites, and mailing lists which advertise horticultural work opportunities.

- **Roots To Work** - Great website to find jobs in horticulture and sustainable food. www.rootstowork.org
- **Landworkers' Alliance forum** - Many farms post job opportunities here. landworkersalliance.org.uk/forums/forum/work-opportunities
- **Organic Growers' Alliance forum** - Another forum where farms post job opportunities. organicgrowersalliance.co.uk/forum/oga/jobs
- **Environment Jobs** - Jobs are not specific to horticulture but are centred around environment and sustainability. Does often have horticultural roles available. www.environmentjob.co.uk/jobs
- **Horticulture Jobs** - Website to find jobs in horticulture and growing. www.horticulturejobs.co.uk
- **Walworth Gardens** regularly hire, particularly for trainee gardeners. walworthgarden.org.uk/careers
- Sign up to the **Shared Assets** newsletter for regular land-based jobs boards: www.sharedassets.org.uk
- Sign up to the **Landworkers' Alliance** newsletter for regular jobs boards: landworkersalliance.org.uk
- Sign up to the **Land In Our Names** newsletter for regular jobs landinournames.community
- **Biodynamic Agricultural College** offer paid work based training

Seeds and plants

Look up these great websites and retailers to find places to get organic seeds and plants.

- Tamar Organics
- Real Seeds
- Vital Seeds
- The Seed Cooperative
- Kings Seeds (look for the organic section)
- Moles Seeds (look for the organic section)
- Elsms (look for the organic section)
- Delflands (for annual veg plants)
- Walcot Organic Nursery (for fruit trees)
- Agroforestry Research Trust (for various trees)
- Seed and plant swap in Brighton once a year
- Woodland Trust (free trees for community projects/schools)
- Gaia Foundation community seed forum
- Sow Seed Ltd
- London Freedom Seed Bank
- Free seeds from Sutton Community Farm (Email farmers@suttoncommunityfarm.org.uk for information)

Tools

- Ebay is good for buying cheap tools
- Reag Tools reagtools.co.uk
- Walthamstow Tool Library
- Library of Things (for tool rental)

Advice for buying from Ebay:

POSTAGE CAN BE EXPENSIVE BECAUSE OF THE WEIGHT OF HANDLES. TRY ASKING TO JUST BUY THE BOTTOM OF THE TOOL (E.G. ON A HOE, THE HOE BLADE/ ATTACHMENT) THEN BUY OR REPURPOSE A CHEAP HANDLE FROM ELSEWHERE.

FOR WHEEL HOES, SEARCH FOR VINTAGE WHEEL HOE/ VINTAGE WORKING WHEEL HOE. GOOD BRANDS FOR SECONDHAND ONES ARE PLANET JUNIOR, JALO, AND GLASER.

FOR OLD TOOL COLLECTIONS, USE SEARCH TERMS SUCH AS: JOB LOT, BULK, COLLECTION ONLY, SET OF... WITH GARDEN TOOLS, VINTAGE GARDEN TOOLS, ALLOTMENT TOOLS, OLD GARDEN TOOLS.

COLLECTING IS A GOOD IDEA BECAUSE YOU CAN CHECK THE QUALITY OF THE ITEM



Books

Here you can find some of the most popular and important books on organic growing. We also have a discount code with Chelsea Green Publishing if you'd like to buy new – see below.

Affordable online book stores:

- Wordery
- World of Books
- Abe Books
- Just Books
- Chelsea Green Publishing UK (35% off with code LION35)
- Ebay
- Amazon 'used' sections



Farming While Black by Leah Penniman
£16.25 on Chelsea Green with 35% discount

The Rodale Book of Composting
£10-15 used on Amazon

Creating a Forest Garden by Martin Crawford
£20 on Ebay

The New Organic Grower by Elliot Coleman
£6.19 on World of Books

The Market Gardener by JM Fortier
£12 on Ebay

Growing Green by Jenny Hall and Iain Tolhurst
£15.49 on World of Books

Veg Journal by Charles Dowding
£8.79 on World of Books

Teaming with Microbes by Jeff Lowenfels
£13.29 on World of Books

The Organic Book of Compost by Pauline Pears
£4.79 on World of Books

Herbs and Healing Plants of Britain and Europe by Dieter Podlech
£4.19 on World of Books

How to Grow Your Dinner Without Leaving The House by Claire Ratinon
£7.79 on World of Books

Food for Free by Richard Mabey
£4.79 on World of Books

Webinars and further resources

- **Catalogue of free webinars from the Landworkers' Alliance (LWA)**, including on supply chain marketing, winter growing and more. Website: landworkersalliance.org.uk/webinars
- **Free webinar series on food and land justice** from A Growing Culture. Website: www.agrowingculture.org/hfj
- **SoilMentor free soil monitoring guide**. Really useful for understanding your soil health and soil structure. Website: soils.vidacycle.com/soil-tests
- **My Family Garden on YouTube** (Gardening channel run by Mothin Ali).
- **Soul Fire Farm on YouTube** (Afro-Indigenous centred US community farm).
- **Webinars and workshops on herb growing and herbal medicine** making with Hackney Herbal. Website: www.hackneyherbal.com/workshops/plan-your-herbal-year-22/1/22-online
- **Community Apothecary YouTube channel** on herbs and herb growing.
- **Directory of UK-wide herb resources/projects**. Website: www.hedgeherbs.org.uk/links-resources-connections
- **How-to guides for saving seed** with Vital Seeds. Website: vitalseeds.co.uk/growing-resources/seed-saving-resources/
- **Dig It Out Campaign** to end racial discrimination in horticulture. Website: digitoutcampaign.com
- **Decolonise the Garden campaign**. Website: www.instagram.com/decolonisethegarden
- **Guides from Shared Assets on access to land**, applying for planning permission and more. Website: www.sharedassets.org.uk/resources/local-land-economies-guides-for-community-food-enterprise-resilience
- **Resources and guidance from Shared Assets on scaling up land-based enterprises**. Website: www.sharedassets.org.uk/resources/scaling-land-based-social-enterprises
- The Woodland Trust applications are open for **free hedgerow trees**. Website: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/large-scale-planting/morehedges
- Opportunity to support the creation of a **new technical forest gardening course, with free place offered**. Email jake@natureworks.org.uk for more details.
- If you are a member of the LWA, you can **join the BPOC Racial Equity Abolition and Liberation working group** for support and community. Membership of LWA costs £25 per year for members, varied prices for supporter membership, or £5 for youth (16-25) membership.
- **Walworth Garden seasonal workshops** including autumn/winter growing and plant propagation. Website: walworthgarden.org.uk/workshops
- **Walworth Garden social and therapeutic horticulture groups**: Growback and Growing to Grow. Website: walworthgarden.org.uk/therapeutic-horticulture
- **One-day seasonal workshops on RHS** including rose pruning, apple pruning, planning your garden and more. Website: www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/Find-a-course-workshop

- **RHS bursaries for projects specific to horticulture.**
Eligibility/applications: www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/bursaries-grants/rhs-bursaries
- Walworth Garden offers **individualized voluntary opportunities**, e.g. teaching assistant volunteers for Level 2 classes. Email francesca@walworthgarden.org.uk and reference LION growers grants.
- **Planning resources from the Ecological Land Cooperative.** Website: ecologicalland.coop/planning
- **Ecological Land Cooperative resources** on various agroecological topics such as community finance, access to land and more. Website: ecologicalland.coop/resources
- **Free online talks and lectures from Kew Gardens.**
Website: www.kew.org/learning/talks-and-lectures
- **Free trees from the Social Orchard in Spring.** Email LION hello@landinournames.community.
- Keep an eye on the RHS website for upcoming information about **funding opportunities for organisations.** Website: www.rhs.org.uk
- Keep a look out on **Black Butterfly's Instagram** for upcoming details about their agriculture and food sovereignty project, Joyful Roots, with workshops on classes on planting, woodwork, cooking and more. Website: www.instagram.com/blk_butterfly
- If based in Belfast, get in touch with **Grow for community gardening sessions and support with accessing training.** Website: www.grow-ni.org
- Check out these **resources from the National Food Service** on food justice.
Website: nationalfoodservice.uk/new-page-3
- If you're based in London, you can **join the Rootz Into Food Growing (RiFG) Network** - a network created by and for BPOC growers in London with the aim of building an interconnected community to combat isolation and address inequity.



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