

# The Allotment Development Awards 2020

# Voting Guide

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## The presentations

Competitors will present ideas at an online event on **Wednesday 19 August** as either:

- a 3-5 minute video, or
- an illustrated poster/document (maximum of 2 A4 pages) which they will explain to us over a period of 3-5 minutes

In their presentations, they should set out:

- What they want their project to achieve
- How their project will meet the 3 criteria for the award (more details below)
  - Caring for the Earth
  - Building the Allotment Association as a Community
  - Making Local Connections
- Who will be involved and what they will do
- How they will use the £500 to them carry out their project

A 5-minute discussion will follow each presentation, where you have the chance to ask questions.

Presentation videos / documents will be made available for viewing by the voting public in advance at [glasgowallotments.org](http://glasgowallotments.org) from **Friday 14 August**.

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## The event

The presentations will take place at a meeting on Zoom. The meeting will be open to the public, and will be advertised to plotholders across Glasgow via the Glasgow Allotments Forum.

**Date: 19 August**

**Time: 19:00**

Running order:

1. Brief welcome and explanation of the process
2. Presentations - Glasgow South region
  - a. Oatlands Gate Allotments
3. Presentations - Glasgow Northwest region
  - a. Lambhill Allotments
  - b. Springburn Allotments
4. Voting
5. Announcement of winners

One £500 prize will be awarded per region.

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## Casting your vote

**Please register for the meeting in advance** - this will send you an email with instructions on how to join when the time comes on 19 August. **Simply enter your details at:**

<https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjAvceGtpj8iEtJb0ayKKf-Vcllm2Z7h7DkM>

Voting will also take place via a poll in Zoom. Each user will be able to vote once in each region's category. In this year's case, that means you will get to cast 2 votes.

Make your decisions on the basis of how well each presentation meets the 3 main criteria. Below are some examples to help you think about what each criteria means.

**This isn't an exhaustive list, so don't penalise anyone just because they might be doing something we've not included here!**

<b>Key Criteria</b>	<b>First Sub-Criterion</b>	<b>Second Sub-Criterion</b>	<b>Third Sub-Criterion</b>
<b>1: Caring for the Earth</b>	<p><i>Water Conservation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rainwater favoured over tap water</li> <li>• Water butts to collect rainwater</li> <li>• Shed / greenhouse gutters</li> <li>• Irrigation systems</li> <li>• Sustainable drainage systems</li> </ul>	<p><i>Good standards of cultivation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crop rotation</li> <li>• Composting</li> <li>• Organic alternatives to pesticides and weed-killers</li> <li>• Addition of soil improvers (lime, green manure, peat-free)</li> <li>• No waste policy</li> <li>• Reused/up-cycled materials,</li> <li>• Communal composting</li> <li>• Communal recycling system (wood, metal, rubble)</li> <li>• Compost toilet</li> <li>• Renewable energy systems</li> </ul>	<p><i>Encouraging Beneficial Wildlife</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ponds, water features</li> <li>• Wildflower areas</li> <li>• Hedgerows of native species</li> <li>• Woodpiles, bird boxes</li> <li>• Flower beds within plots</li> <li>• Suitable Trees</li> <li>• Orchards</li> <li>• Bird-tables and bird feeders</li> <li>• Hedgehog retreats</li> <li>• Beehives or bee plots</li> <li>• Companion planting</li> <li>• Crop diversity</li> <li>• Woodpile habitats for insects</li> </ul>
<b>2: Building Your Association</b>	<p><i>Inclusion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome packs</li> <li>• Growing guides &amp; advice</li> <li>• Good quality information</li> <li>• Equality policy</li> <li>• Access to training/mentors</li> <li>• Provision of starter plots</li> <li>• Raised beds for the elderly</li> <li>• Disabled access to site</li> <li>• Honorary memberships</li> <li>• Support for illness</li> <li>• Social Events</li> </ul>	<p><i>Communication</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A friendly and welcoming ethos</li> <li>• Annual AGM</li> <li>• Shared decision-making practices</li> <li>• Committee regularly invites and responds to members' feedback</li> <li>• Well-maintained notice boards</li> <li>• Regular newsletters</li> <li>• Varied communication methods</li> <li>• Allotment site website</li> <li>• Committee contact details available</li> </ul>	<p><i>Communal Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communal shed or meeting place</li> <li>• Working parties</li> <li>• Seed swap events</li> <li>• Social gatherings</li> <li>• Gardening talks &amp; demonstrations</li> </ul>

<p>3: Making Local Connections</p>	<p><i>Open Days &amp; Events</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular and well-promoted open days that include the wider community</li> <li>• Fund-raising events</li> <li>• Flower and vegetable shows</li> </ul>	<p><i>Community Engagement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community group plots</li> <li>• School plots</li> <li>• Demonstrations</li> <li>• Allotment tours</li> <li>• Good external communication</li> <li>• Regular visits from schools and other organisations</li> <li>• Regular contact with those on the waiting list.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Local Community Participation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stalls at community fetes etc</li> <li>• Teaching gardening skills at schools and local community group</li> <li>• Talks and demonstrations for schools or groups</li> <li>• Sponsorship and/or support of local events</li> <li>• Plot-holders being members of other community groups</li> <li>• Visits to nearby sites for plot-holders, waiting members and local residents</li> <li>• Regular participation in Glasgow Allotment Forum events</li> <li>• Links with other gardening groups and sites</li> </ul>
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