Lund University proudly presents...

Radish Trädgård

A LUMES Project

...Radish trädgård, an urban community gardening project in Lund, initiated by eight students of the LUMES programme at Lund University supported by Lund's municipality in December 2011.

Why? A lot of people have lost touch of where our food comes from and what efforts are necessary to grow it. Urban community gardening contributes to food security and climate protection. It brings people from different backgrounds together and connects with nature - it simply increases the quality of life!

Project stages

...“trädgård” is Swedish for “garden”...

- **Fundraising**: Main sponsors are the municipality of Lund and the Social Sciences Union.
- **Knowledge network**: Communication and collaboration with the municipality and other professional or hobby gardeners in order to embed Radish in a much larger framework of present and future organic gardens for which Radish could be the demo project.

- **Participation and transdisciplinarity**: Regularly discuss plans and vision of the Radish team and get the residents' input on how they would like Radish to be and look like. The close and open co-operation aims to put in practice participatory management and be transdisciplinary to generate learning synergies. This approach shall bridge the gap between (sustainability) science and those individuals outside the “university world”. Radish aims to be a true community project with as many people as possible participating.
- **Building the garden**: Doing workshops with the knowledge network to build and maintain a “smart” garden in which plants support each other with their specific characteristics, modeled on Permaculture principles.
- **Education on urban gardening** for everyone who is interested, e.g. school children, students or residents. The long-term vision is to increase access to local and organic food and contribute to the resilience of Lund's food system. It would be great, once more gardens similar to Radish have been built in Lund, if we could supply all the student unions and student nations in Lund with local, organic food and thereby contribute to Lund University becoming more sustainable.

Making change happen!

Although the project is rather small scale, we believe that Radish can make a change in Lund and that it can show that sustainable practices are readily available and can be quickly implemented if some people get together to initiate sustainability projects and inspire a broader public to join.

http://radishtradgard.wordpress.com/

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