

Grow together community garden guidelines

This document sets out the requirements for entering The Gas Hub's Grow together community garden campaign (the Promotion)

This document, along with the [Grow together terms and conditions](#) apply to any application to enter the Promotion.

What is The Gas Hub's Grow together community garden?

Community gardens bring school communities together, offering a shared space where students can learn to grow fresh, healthy food. These gardens not only brighten the school environment but also provide children with access to nutritious fruits and vegetables. Through hands-on gardening, students gain valuable skills they can apply at home, fostering self-sufficiency and a love for healthy eating. Community gardens teach teamwork, responsibility and environmental stewardship – helping children build lifelong habits for a healthy future.

Community gardens don't just grow veggies – they also create organic waste that can break down naturally to produce biogas. By supporting school gardens, we're helping communities learn about biogas and how it can become renewable energy for our homes.

General

By applying for a community garden in your primary or intermediate school, you will:

- Have permission from the school and Principal to have a school garden
- Have a location within the school grounds big enough to have two Birdies raised [garden beds](#) of any size
- Manage the garden and ensure that The Gas Hub is kept up to date with progress
- Be responsible for the day-to-day running of the garden to ensure it is well maintained

The Gas Hub will provide the successful applicant:

- Two [Birdies](#) raised garden beds of any size
- Signage for the garden
- Soil, plants and garden tools for initial set up
- Vegetable seeds for students to grow in class
- Bio bottle science experiment kits for students
- Up to four staff to help staff, parents and students setup the garden, along with food for a BBQ to feed volunteers.

Grow together community garden application requirements

All applications must clearly outline:

- Who will take responsibility for the care of the garden once it has been established;
- How the garden will benefit the school and its students;
- Intended educational outcomes from having the community garden E.g. teaching sustainability, healthy eating, hands on learning.
- How students will be involved in the creation and upkeep of the community garden;
- How the school plans to maintain the garden long-term;
- Plans on how the school could include the parents or wider community with the community garden; and

- Any eco-friendly practices you could incorporate into the community garden E.g. composting, water conservation etc.

The successful applicant of the Grow Together community garden, must provide:

- All required consents and licenses for The Gas Hub to create exclusive photography and videography content for social media, website and other communications.
- A planting kick-off event for the school to attend – with expenses paid for and hosted by The Gas Hub including us of a hydrogen BBQ.
- Opportunities for The Gas Hub staff to volunteer and be involved with the Community Garden and wider school.

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Schools' ineligible to apply:

- Schools located outside of Hawke's Bay and Taranaki, as well as Bridge Pa, Elsthorpe, Maraekakaho, Ongaonga, Otane, Pakipaki, Porangahau, Pukehou, Putorino, Te Pohue, Tikokino, Tutira, Waipawa, Waipukurau, Huirangi, Mangatoki, Mokoia, Ratapiko, Urenui and Waitotara.
- Intermediate and High schools.
- Schools that do not have enough room for two garden beds.

All applications must be made via The Gas Hub website on the official application form by Sunday 7 September.

Process for consideration

- All proposals are reviewed by a panel of staff from The Gas Hub.
- You will be notified if your proposal was successful by Friday 19 September.
- If you are successful, we will be in touch to make all the necessary arrangements.