

## Islington Greener Together Champions



## Hello Champions!

Happy new year and welcome back to your **Islington Greener Together Champions newsletter**.

The year began with a successful and well-attended Introduction to Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems workshop which exceeded expectations. Thank you to Saira and Emily who hosted the session with you.

## Upcoming Events

**TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY - CHAMPION NETWORK MEETING**

Join us for an interactive online event where you can connect with fellow champions, share insights, and gain valuable knowledge; let's get our heads together to think about your goals for Spring.

Also, you will hear about our new Community Science Strand of training for Islington Greener Together Champions, including Climate Literacy accredited training and learning how to monitor for increasing biodiversity!

We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88303123526?  
pwd=af04MXfl2Ca3hYgSEgryMtHJjbebZY.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88303123526?pwd=af04MXfl2Ca3hYgSEgryMtHJjbebZY.1)

Meeting ID: 883 0312 3526

Passcode: 782430

Register here

## PRACTICAL MAINTENANCE TRAINING

Applicants of awarded Islington Greener Together Sites, please book on to attend the mandatory **maintenance training**, so that you will be ready for action when your site is built, or to get going again this spring for those sites built, who hadn't attended previously.

Please ensure that you don't miss out on this pressing opportunity or miss receiving your tool kit, by booking on **Eventbrite**, or **Email us** and we can book you in.

**Tuesday 11th February, 1pm to 5pm (session 2pm to 4.30pm)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1053431023549?aff=oddtcreator>

**Saturday 1st March 1pm to 5pm (session 2pm to 4.30pm)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1119216870789?aff=oddtcreator>

**Do also check the video below from Champion, Andie Scott, who shares her experience and how valuable she has found the training in advance of her site being constructed, giving her all the knowledge and confidence to be immediately ready for when it has been built.**

For any of our events, if you have any access needs or questions, our friendly team would be happy to speak with you so please get in touch: [IGT.Champions@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:IGT.Champions@groundwork.org.uk)



Register for the Workshops on the  
Champions Event Calendar Here

## **SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY - RUNNING A GARDENING CLUB THROUGH THE GROWING SEASON, AT YOUR GREENER TOGETHER SITE**

This is sure to be an inspiring session to help you prepare your growing and gardening plans when your site is ready for more helping hands!

During the session we will include:

- Encouraging Champions to make collaborative decisions about what to grow together in your shared green space.
- Create a schedule of - Gardening Club Session Themes, through the Growing Season.
- Sharing the load – Plan a calendar to highlights tasks needed to be undertaken/ and assigning/allocating tasks when peak growing time.
- Keeping momentum and Champions engaged even during winter months.
- Adopting sustainable and biodiverse good practices in your green space.

Register here



Why attend the Training?

We have really enjoyed getting to know some of you well over the last few months, particularly in our training sessions. Some of these workshops have a lot of available space where people can't attend, and we don't want you to miss out!

We spoke with Andie Scott whose site is yet to begin, but she has benefitted from the training sessions so far. She kindly met us on a cold January afternoon this week to take us through how she is preparing her site and what elements of the training she found most helpful!

Watch the video below and get inspired.



## Seasonal Mulch Available!

We are working with Islington Council to make green chip mulch available for your Islington Greener Together site.

If your site is already built, let us know if you'd like to receive some mulch. A Tree Officer will be available to support with the delivery, but we are also looking for Champions to help receive and spread mulch at your sites.

If your IGT site could benefit from a fresh layer of mulch, please let us know before **Sunday 26th of January**. Contact us at

[IGT.Champions@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:IGT.Champions@groundwork.org.uk) if you have any questions.

Find out more about all things Mulch and the benefits it brings to your space!

## Seed Swap!

Don't miss joining other green-fingered residents at your upcoming local Seed Swap Sunday hosted by **Olden Community Garden**.

Location: Olden Community Garden, 22 Whistler Street, London, N5 1NH

Date: Sunday 23rd March 2025

Admission: Free

Seed Swap Sunday at Olden Community Garden

## Volunteer at a site near you!

**Do you know anyone who would like to volunteer as a Champion?** New volunteers can sign up [here!](#)

## Contact our team

- Stay up to date with all the latest training and events: [visit our website](#)
- Reach out to our helpful and friendly team via email at [IGT.Champions@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:IGT.Champions@groundwork.org.uk)



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