



## Virtual workshops from Castlebank Horticultural Centre

### Gardening workshops | Adults | No prior gardening experience required.

1. Our Green Planet and Introduction to Gardening – Ready, Set, Garden #1 (1.5 hours)
2. How to Grow your Own - Fruit and Vegetables – Ready, Set Garden #2 (1.5 hours)
3. Plant Identification - Tips and Tricks – Ready, Set, Garden #3 (1.5 hours)
4. Sustainable Gardening for Wildlife - Ready, Set, Garden #4 (1.5 hours)
5. Autumn Gardening: Seed saving, propagation and division – Ready, Set, Garden #5 (1.5 hours)
6. Winter Gardening: Winter jobs in the garden and future planning – Ready, Set, Garden #6 (1.5 hours)
7. Gardening in small spaces: Containers, Houseplants, Pots & Baskets (1 hour)
8. Plant groups and growth forms: How to use plants in your garden (1 hour)
9. Introduction to Permaculture – The future of food production? (1.5 hours)
10. The Wonderful World of Wildflowers (1.5 hours)



### Nature talks | Adults and Children (45mins – 1 hour)

11. Earth's amazing colour palette
12. Wonders of China
13. Magic of Lapland
14. Biodiversity on Earth: The greatest miracle in the cosmos
15. Wonderfully Weird Wildlife
16. Nature's fantastic friendships
17. Earth's terrific trees
18. Especially interesting insects



### Reminiscence talks | Adults (Dementia Friendly) (Est 30 mins)

19. Scottish Gardening Memories
20. Around the World in Amazing Gardens



## Science talks | Adults and Children (Est 45 mins)

21. A Whole Human History: Not what you were taught in school!
22. Your Unbelievable Universe: Atoms to Black Holes
23. Seriously Super Science: How we know what is true



**Workshops and talks are priced at an hourly rate.  
Contact us to discuss your booking requirements!**

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**Can't see what you're looking for? We would be happy to create a workshop or talk for you! Please get in touch and we can discuss.**

## About Castlebank Horticultural Centre

*At Castlebank Horticultural Centre, we strive to promote the principles of inclusivity for all, respect for the environment and all living things within it, expanding our knowledge about the natural world, and promoting the physical and mental health benefits of adopting a balanced lifestyle through engagement with the natural world around us.*



The first phase of Castlebank Horticultural Centre, the growing compound opened in May 2014. The second phase, the Community Hub, opened in November 2018 and is now home to a full-time Educational Gardener and a year-long programme of educational activities, volunteering opportunities and community events. Rooms at the centre are also available for hire for business, community and personal lets. The centre is managed by Lanark Community Development Trust. Proceeds from the centre's activities and hires are returned to the Development Trust to reinvest in the centre, and the ongoing development and maintenance of the Castlebank Park gardens.



COVID-19 has had a massive impact on our organisation, changing the way we work and engage with our volunteers, the local community and our online audience. The centre physically closed during lockdown, and our Educational Gardener took on the entire volunteer team's jobs in maintaining the park's gardens for the local community to enjoy. We kept up with our volunteers with regular ZOOM sessions and provided them with wellbeing bags and festive 'at home' afternoon teas.

Many of our activities moved online using ZOOM and we were able to generate income through virtual workshops, talks, training courses. We also sourced local funding (Lanark Rotary Club) to host a virtual Family Gardening and Nature Club over the 8 weeks of the summer holidays. Additional income was generated by launching a new 'fresh produce boxes' featuring a fresh, seasonal variety of our home-grown organic fruit, vegetables and herbs.

We have seen a massive opportunity for us to generate more income through sale of produce and plants and will be looking to capitalise on this in 2021 through improvements to our growing compound. We have also seen the fantastic opportunity available to expand our reach through our virtual workshops and digital activities with no geographical boundaries. To date we have had virtual participants from around the world! All our virtual workshops and talks and created and delivered by Stuart Ritchie, our Educational Gardener. **We look forward to working with you, please get in touch using [info@lanarktrust.co.uk](mailto:info@lanarktrust.co.uk) | 07538 387 378**

