

Falkirk Community Growers Leadership Programme

Are you passionate about community food growing in Falkirk?

The Community Grower Leadership programme offers field trips, practical training, talks from experts and a network gathering. With a mix of online and in person events you can tailor the programme to your own interests and build skills and knowledge where you need it most. These events will provide either key community leadership skills, practical skills or place-based inspiration.

All events are free to attend, but if you want to dive deeper and gain a certificate as an FEL Scotland recognised *Community Growing Leader*, participate in at least one event from each of our three key pillars of learning (Leadership, Practical skills, Inspiration) by registering on FEL Scotland's Eventbrite page, and join our networking event (11 February 2026).

The 2025/26 programme is exclusive to Falkirk Communities only.

Why Join?

The programme will help you:

- Build **practical food-growing skills**
- Grow your **confidence and leadership abilities**
- Strengthen your **emotional resilience**
- Create more opportunities for **volunteering and skills development** in your community
- Expand your **network of peers and partners**
- Unlock new **resources and inspiration**

How It Works

Shape your own learning journey by choosing from a range of:

- **Workshops** (online & in-person)
- **Training days**
- **Networking events**
- **Field trips & inspiration visits**

To graduate as a **Community Growing Leader**, you'll take part in at least one event from each of the three learning strands, and have the option of networking with other participants in the leadership cohort at exclusive meet ups for informal connection and knowledge sharing.

Leadership Skills

Build confidence and gain the tools to inspire others through training, peer-to-peer learning, and leadership networking.

Practical Skills

Hands-on learning from experts, Q&A sessions, and access to recorded talks via FEL's YouTube channel.

Place-Based Inspiration

Explore new ideas and best practices through guided tours, exhibitions, and field visits to other community growing spaces.

Programme Timeline

August 2025 – February 2026

- Flexible schedule of workshops, training, and events (see attached programme).
- Exclusive **cohort gatherings** for participants to connect, share knowledge, and celebrate successes.
- Contribute to the final **“Gather Around Good Food Falkirk”** showcase event on 11 February 2026.

Who Can Apply?

Anyone in Falkirk who is:

- Actively involved in community food growing
- Keen to build leadership skills
- Excited to connect with others and make a difference

Recognition

Graduates will be celebrated as **Community Growing Leaders**, recognised by **FEL Scotland** and the **Forth Valley Climate Action Hub**.

Join us and grow your leadership journey!

Speak to one of our team or email food@FELScotland.org to register your interest

Events Schedule

Dates are subject to change – for details and to book your place follow FEL Scotland at eventbrite

Event	Event Type	Date	Practical	Leadership	Inspiration
Tullibody Community Garden	Fieldtrip	14/08/25			
Volunteering	Online Lunchtime Learning	03/09/25			
Growing Beans	Online Lunchtime Learning	17/09/25			
Seed Saving	Online Lunchtime Learning	01/10/25			
Community Orchards	Lunchtime Learning	15/10/25			

Climate adaptation & small space food growing	Fieldtrip	28/10/25			
Vertical Growing	Online Lunchtime Learning	05/11/25			
Mushroom Growing Training	In-person training led by Rhyze	18/11/25			
Garden Futures Exhibition	Fieldtrip	15/11/25			
BioChar	Online Lunchtime Learning	19/11/25			
Insights into working with your community as volunteers	Fully funded in-person training led by Social Farms & gardens	02/12/25			

Mushrooms	Online Lunchtime Learning	10/12/25			
Compost	Online Lunchtime Learning	14/01/26			
Winter Orchard pruning	In-person Training	21/01/26			
Gather Around Good Food Falkirk	Summit and Networking Event	11/02/26			
Leadership Group Gathering	Leadership cohort gathering	FEB TBC			