

Community-creating activities

Getting community members to know each other is essential to creating a safe, supportive and learning environment for the whole community. This includes:

- **Working activities** - cleaning, garden maintenance, repairing existing and building new garden elements (e.g. permaculture beds, composters or rainwater catchment)
- **Planning** - the vision of the garden in terms of physical, values and practical functioning of the garden (finances, activities, membership, celebrations,...)
- **Neighbourhood picnics or restaurant day** deepen the relationship to quality food and living soil as basis for healthy food. The atmosphere of the celebration is enhanced by the opportunity to sit around a fire or barbecue, taste dishes or prepare food from the common harvest in the garden
- **Celebrations of important days** (Water Day - 22.3.; International Bird Day - 1.4.; Earth Day - 22.4.; World Bee Day - 20.5.; International Children's Day - 1.6.; Open Garden & Squares Weekend - 2nd weekend in June; World Vegetarian Day - 1.10.)¹
- **Celebrations of the garden year** and according to the rhythm of local customs and traditions (spring garden festival, Easter, autumn end of season, Christmas, New Year,...)
- **Meetings over operational topics** - rules of the garden, budget preparation, membership for the new season, schedule of all kinds of activities for the whole/partial year (brigades, celebrations, meetings),...
- **Discussion** on: How can anyone contribute to mitigating the impacts of climate change? How to compost effectively? How to grow with little water?

¹ Overview of International Days 2023 [online], 2023, Retrieved from: <https://www.kurzy.cz/kalendar/mezinarodni-dny/>