



Case Study

Green Angels

Location: **Liverpool Festival Gardens, Liverpool**

Project aim: Improve community cohesion
Create learning opportunities

Funder: BIG Lottery

Grant amount: £139,000

the Land Trust's Role: Securing funding
Managing the project

The Green Angels project aims were to improve the quality of life for local communities who live around Liverpool Festival Gardens, in south Liverpool.

This was by providing volunteering and environmental training opportunities, create new ways for people to learn new skills, meet new people and improve their future prospects.

"Many of us have a lot to thank the Land Trust and Green Angels project for. I may not have got my new job without doing the Environmental Education course and Grow Green Liverpool wouldn't have existed either. You've helped me to achieve something I've been trying to do for about 4 years now and I really appreciate that. Add to that the friendships we've formed and that really is precious."

Louise Mills, Green Angels Trainee

Leveraging Funding

In 2013, The Land Trust successfully secured a grant from BIG Lottery Fund's Reaching Communities programme to develop its 'Green Angels' project. This grant funded two new roles; to deliver the project over a two year period, to engage with the community and create new learning opportunities including: countryside management; parks maintenance; business skills; environmental education and horticulture.

A Bright Future

This project engaged over 300 local residents at over 30 community events, helping create a sense of pride and ownership in this unique space. Nearly 70 people took part in specific courses, and out of those actively seeking work, 44% found employment. A number of participants also established a social enterprise and are now starting to offer environmental and community services.



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