

# Planting for a community : the new Jubilee Garden

Our University community came together for the launch of the new Jubilee Garden in Erasmus, planting vegetables and fruit trees that staff will continue to tend and harvest in the coming years.



Image: A view from above of staff gathered in the new Jubilee Garden in Erasmus to plant saplings and vegetables.

The Jubilee Garden was opened on 29th of April 2022, with staff and students assembling to celebrate and help plant a variety of saplings, seeds and seedlings alongside the existing olive trees in the refurbished courtyard garden of Erasmus.

Three fruit trees, cherry, pear and apple, were planted alongside a selection of vegetables and fragrant herbs including sage, thyme and rosemary, beets, carrots, peas, beans, lettuces, tomato plants and more.

**20+**

different kinds of herbs, vegetables and fruit trees planted

**40+**

students and staff assembled to plant and celebrate

**100+**

volunteer hours went into the planting and launch of this garden

Plants were chosen to attract pollinators and enrich the biodiversity of this pocket of campus, and to give staff a welcoming and rewarding space to continue coming together to tend and harvest low-maintenance crops, helping to rebuild the community that has been fractured by the pandemic.

This garden was planted as part of the ongoing celebrations for the University's Diamond Jubilee year, and is part of a larger *Wilder Campus* series of events. It is intended first and foremost as a community garden, and those with offices nearby have been particularly involved in its development and will continue to nurture it with the support of the University's Grounds and Gardens team.

In addition, two wooden pergolas have been erected in the upper, adjacent Erasmus gardens, also as part of the *Wilder Campus* initiative, and a new rockery is planned for the upper gardens in the coming months.

*"It is great to have the Diamond Jubilee garden space in Erasmus transformed into a place of greenery and a place for wildlife as well as a space to grow herbs and vegetables.*

*"It is a peaceful but also active garden for both staff and students meaning that colleagues can be part of its development rather than just bystanders. Equally it is a wonderful place to relax."*

Professor Susan Millns, Dean of the Graduate College

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