



Summary:

Over two days, on Friday the 29th and Saturday the 30th of November, 30 Scottish heritage fruit trees were planted in an underused space at the back of the recently built Townhead Village Hall, Glasgow. With expert guidance from the 'Appletreeman' Andrew Lear, over 70 volunteers aged from 3 to 70 helped to dig holes, plant trees and protect them with the necessary stakes and guards. Many of these volunteers also undertook training in fruit tree after-care and pruning. The orchard was unveiled to the sounds of Scottish pipes and the Townhead community were then invited to enjoy entertainment that included live folk music, face-painting, apple pressing and a performance of Eco Drama's 'The Forgotten Orchard'. Hungry stomachs were filled with home-made apple cakes, and Parsnip and Apple soup.

Trees planted included:

Apples: Annie Elizabeth, Clydeside, Galloway Pippin, Grenadier, Howgate Wonder, Keswick Codling, Lord \Derby, Monarch, Maggie Sinclair, Tam Montgomery, Ashmead's Kernel, Bloody Ploughman, Epicure, George Cave, Discovery, Lass o Gowrie, Lady Lambourne, Red Sleeves, Tydemans Early Worcester, Bramley, Dumelow's Seedling.

Plums: Czar x 2, Victoria x 2, Damson x 2

Pears: Conference, Beth, Onward

Monitoring and Evaluating:

Evaluation is fundamental to supporting Eco Drama's education and community initiatives. It enables us to ensure that we are delivering relevant and useful learning experiences in the schools and communities which we visit.

For the initial planting day with the pupils from St Mungo's Primary and St Roch's Primary we chose to ask the students questions as a group and record their responses. As the pupils were all from different classes with varying levels of literacy, we decided this approach was simpler and would ensure we received the data back immediately as opposed to chasing the schools and individual teachers. The questions asked were designed to allow pupils and their teachers to offer their opinions on the experience, and allow Eco Drama to monitor the response to the planting sessions to ensure that the best possible learning experience was being provided.

On the Planting Day for the Townhead Community we found that the collection of evaluative information to be less straightforward. People came and went throughout the day and experienced different parts of the day - some attended just the training, some the planting, others just came to soak up the atmosphere, and others only attended the show. Nevertheless, we did manage to gather a lot of anecdotal feedback and post event a number of people wrote to us with feedback from the event.

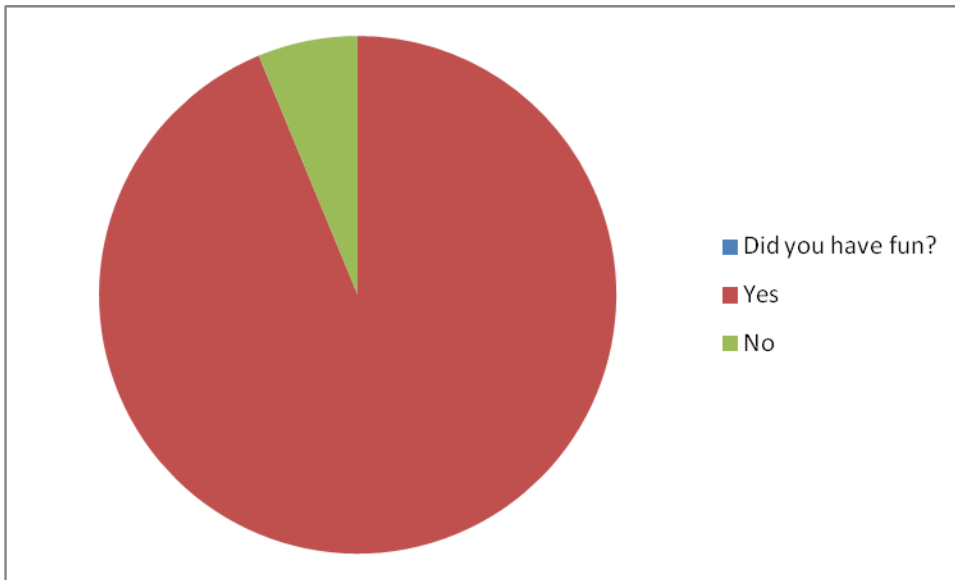
Evaluation: Presentation of Data:

Included in the feedback forms were questions which allowed us to obtain quantitative data on the responses. For example, for the question 'Did you have fun?' we can calculate percentages and produce graphs to indicate the number of pupils who said 'yes' or 'no'. Pie charts have been used to present data for these types of questions.

Questions were also designed to provide qualitative feedback from comments which describe levels of enjoyment and what pupils have learned from the experience. Comments from pupils, teachers, volunteers and residents have been included throughout the evaluation document.



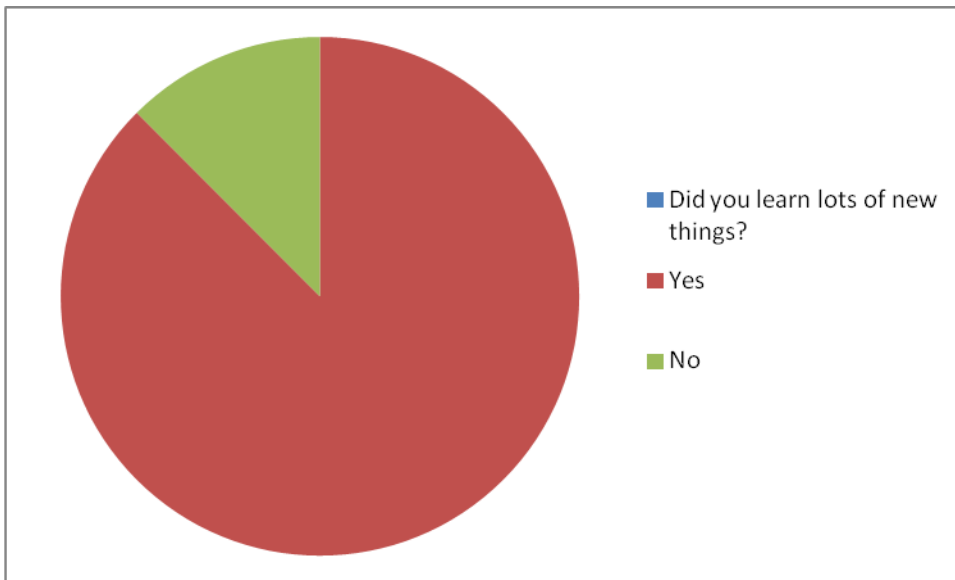
Based on the evaluation session at the end of the schools' planting day, we gathered the following information:



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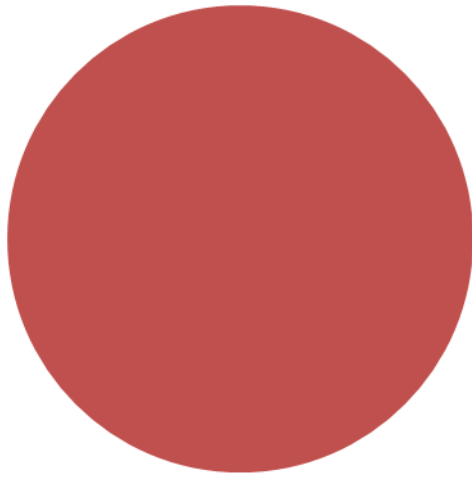
"I liked that I got to do it myself."

"I didn't like the cold."



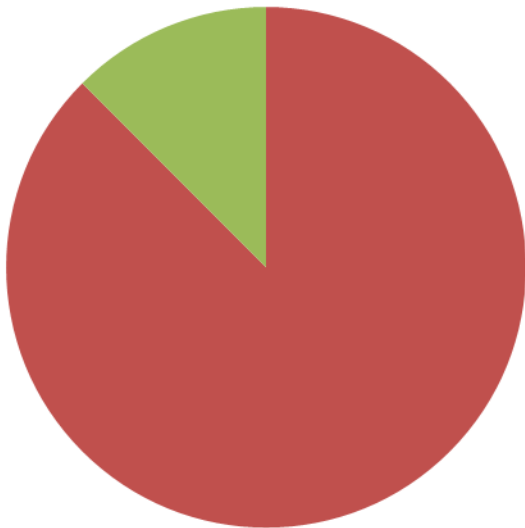
"I learned that loads of different types of apples can be grown in Scotland."

"I learned that some apples are eaters and some are cookers."



- Does planting an orchard help care for our environment?
- Yes
 - No

"I didn't know there were so many kinds of apples. I thought there were just Granny Smiths and the other one."



- I would like to look after the orchard in the future?
- Yes
 - No

"I can't wait to go and tell all of my friends what I've been doing!"

Feedback from the Community Planting Day 30th of November 2013:

"The whole family enjoyed it very much...I learned about the variety of (apple) fruits."
Batrizia, Townhead Resident



"My kids now want apple trees for Christmas"
Paul Irwin, Townhead Village Hall Manager



"We all had a great time. It was a lovely event".
Ali, Musician



"Thank you to all at the community orchard, Eco Drama and the Village Hall. Everyone here loved today's event".
Billi, Volunteer



*Why do apples change colour?
Magdalena, inquisitive 3 year-old*



*"I had an amazing time and I am going to eat my way through the last few pink lady apples I bought from the shops last week, and then look for a new source of Scottish apples! It's hard to believe there are so many different types, and the supermarkets stock none of them!"
Caroline. Volunteer*



*"Just wanted to say I had an amazing time today! Thank you for inviting me." Fiona,
Volunteer*



*"You girls at Eco Drama should be congratulated for what you've achieved for our community." Anne, resident and
Volunteer*

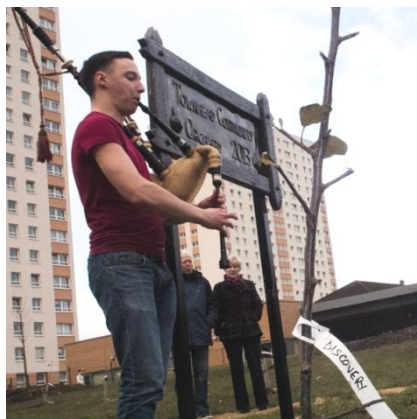


Feedback, 10 months on from the Community Planting Day:

Just a note to say thank you so much for your information on tree planting last November (I think it was then) as this has inspired our son Mark to plant and grow his own fruit and veg. We planted 3 trees earlier this year (Apple, plum and pear) and although we didn't expect anything from them we got 2 apples from the apple tree. We also got nearly a full bag of potatoes from the potato pot and can't wait until next year to see what else we can grow. We thank you and your team for your information, help and inspiration and we wish you every success in your future projects.

Karen & Paul McCluskey, local residents





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