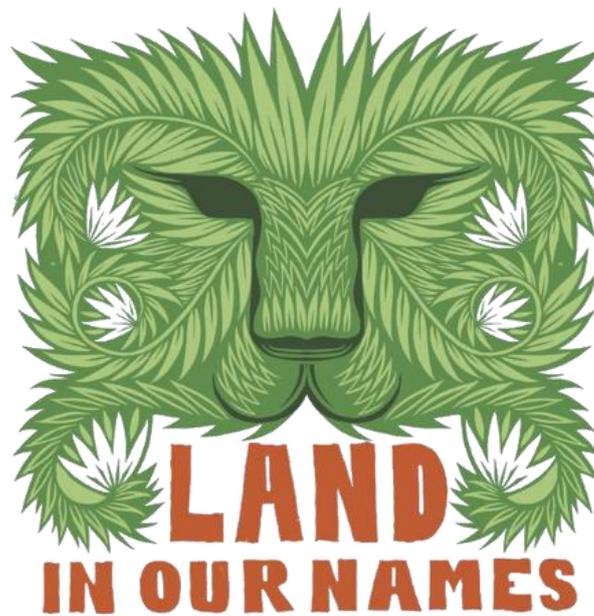


Resource Pack

An information pack designed to support you on your growing journey.



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Introduction

This resource pack was created as a part of the follow-up work for Land In Our Names' growers grants for Black people and people of colour (BPOC).

Land In Our Names launched the Growers Grants for Black people and People of Colour in September 2021. With £29,000 raised in the Quilt Fundraiser by Sui from Decolonise the Garden and Jess Bailey from Public Library Quilts, we set out to distribute 72 grants. With four tiers to support people in different stages of their growing journey, we were blown away by the enthusiasm and number of applications we received. There were a total of 334 valid applications and with the dedication of our four panellists, we were able to distribute 112 grants.

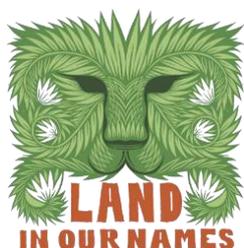
Our panellists gave us some feedback, finding that there were key needs amongst all our applicants. One was access to courses, secondly tools and books and learning resources, and finally - funding.

This pack was designed to support applicants of these growers grants to access further learning, tools, and resources to keep them going forward on their growing journeys.

We have contacted organisations requesting free and discounted courses, identified as many BPOC-led growing projects across the country as possible, and collated many webinars and resources in one place for you to find it easier to get what you need.

Whether you are somebody who grows occasionally, often, or you want to do it for a living, we hope the information on these pages supports you to keep doing what you love.

Thank you.



LION Team

Disclaimer

Land In Our Names is a small and young collective. We cannot claim responsibility for the organisations or resources featured in this guide. We have collated and contacted as many people and organisations as possible to consolidate a guide that will help those who applied for our Growers Grants and for those in our wider network. We believe that people should have the right to access the information needed to pursue a career in farming or growing or to establish a deeper relationship and understanding of land and non-human beings.

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Courses

Here you can find a list of courses available at various levels from organisations across the country. The courses are listed from cheapest to most expensive. Many of these courses are available throughout the year - please do not be disheartened if some course application dates have passed for this round; keep an eye on them for next time.

Course	Organisation	Cost	Location
<u>New Economy Programme</u>	Stir to Action	Free	Online
<u>The Backyard Forest Gardening Course</u>	Nature Works	Free for BPOC, promotional code <u>here</u>	Online
<u>Biodynamics in a Nutshell</u>	Biodynamic Agricultural College	Free	Online
<u>Level 1 City and Guilds Horticulture</u>	OrganicLea	Free for those meeting certain criteria or £175 for low income	London
<u>Designing for Resilience</u>	Permaculture Association	Free places for BPOC	Online
<u>Growing Food in Small Spaces</u>	Permaculture Association	£10 for those on low income	Online
<u>Forest Gardening Course</u>	Agroforestry Research Trust	£15 per episode. Up to £200 for full course.	Online.
<u>Level 2 Work-based Horticulture</u>	Walworth Garden	Free places for unemployed/low income (or £549-2424)	London
<u>Soil Health and Regenerative Agriculture for Farmers</u>	Niels Corfield	£82.80	Online
<u>Soil Health for Growers</u>	Niels Corfield	£109	Online
<u>Level 1 Agriculture:</u>	Capel Manor College	£440	London

<u>Livestock and Lambing</u>			
<u>Growing Nut Crops</u>	Agroforestry Research Trust	£169	Online
<u>Master of Horticulture course (MHort)</u>	Royal Horticultural Society (RHS – not organic but still valuable)	Payment breakdown <u>here</u>	Online
<u>Diploma in Horticultural Practice</u>	Royal Horticultural Society (RHS – not organic but still valuable)	Salaried	Surrey

Other course providers:

- Various courses at [Schumacher College](#) including undergraduate, postgraduate and short courses. – **Prices vary**
- Various courses at the [Centre for Alternative Technology](#). – **Prices vary**
- Courses at [Capel Manor College](#) – **Prices vary**
- [Kew Gardens](#) short courses – **Prices vary**
- [Various horticultural diplomas and certificates](#) at Kew Gardens School of Horticulture – **Most salaried**
- [Directory of permaculture courses](#) from Permaculture Association – **Varied prices**

Jobs

Here you can find links to forums, websites, and mailing lists which advertise horticultural work opportunities.

- ✓ [Roots To Work](#) – Great website to find jobs in horticulture and sustainable food.
- ✓ [Landworkers' Alliance forum](#) – Many farms post job opportunities here.
- ✓ [Organic Growers' Alliance forum](#) – Another forum where farms post job opportunities.
- ✓ [Environment Jobs](#) – Jobs are not specific to horticulture but are centred around environment and sustainability. Does often have horticultural roles available.
- ✓ [Horticulture Jobs](#) – Website to find jobs in horticulture and growing.
- ✓ [Walworth Gardens](#) regularly hire, particularly for trainee gardeners.
- ✓ Sign up to these newsletters for more jobs boards: [Shared Assets](#), [Landworkers' Alliance](#), and [Land In Our Names](#).
- ✓ Biodynamic Agricultural College offer paid [work based training](#).

Seeds and plants

Click on the links to find some great websites to get organic seeds and plants.

- [Tamar Organics](#)
- [Real Seeds](#)
- [Vital Seeds](#)
- [The Seed Cooperative](#)
- [Kings Seeds](#) (look for the organic section)
- [Moles Seeds](#) (look for the organic section)
- [Elsoms](#) (look for the organic section)
- [Delflands](#) (for annual veg plants)
- [Walcot Organic Nursery](#) (for fruit trees)
- [Agroforestry Research Trust](#) (for various trees)
- [Seed and plant swap](#) in Brighton once a year. Next one 06/02/2022.
- [Woodland Trust](#) (free trees for community projects/schools).
- [Gaia Foundation](#) community seed forum.
- [Sow Seed Ltd.](#)
- [London Freedom Seed Bank.](#)
- Free seeds from [Sutton Community Farm](#). (Email farmers@suttoncommunityfarm.org.uk for information.)

Growing projects in the UK led by Black people and people of colour

Project	Location
Community Apothecary	London
Aweside Farm	Sussex
Willowbrook Farm	Oxford
Black Rootz	London
Soul Farm	Cornwall
May Project Gardens	London
Seeds of Contentment	London
Inquilaab Farms	London
Apocalypse Apothecary	London
Coco Collective	London

Tools and books

Tools

- ✓ [Ebay](#) is good for buying cheap tools.
- ✓ [Blackberry Lane](#) for good quality tools or handles, at slightly higher prices. (Difficult to navigate website, may be better to call.)
- ✓ [Walthamstow Tool Library.](#)

Advice for buying from Ebay:

For old tool collections, use search terms such as: job lot/
bulk/collection only/set of... with
garden tools/vintage garden
tools/allotment tools/old garden
tools.

Postage can be expensive because of
the weight of handles. Try asking to just
buy the bottom of the tool (e.g. on a
hoe, the hoe blade/attachment) then
buy or repurpose a cheap handle from
elsewhere.

Collecting is a good idea
because you can check
the quality of the item

For wheel hoes, search for vintage
wheel hoe/vintage working wheel
hoe. Good brands for secondhand
ones are Planet Junior, Jalo, and
Glaser.

Books

Here you can find some of the most popular and important books on organic growing with links to some of the cheapest second-hand options we could find for buying online. We also have a discount code with Chelsea Green Publishing if you'd like to buy new – see below.

- Farming While Black by Leah Penniman – **£16.25 on [Chelsea Green](#) with 35% discount**
- The Rodale Book of Composting – **£10–15 used on [Amazon](#)**
- Creating a Forest Garden by Martin Crawford – **£20 on [Ebay](#)**
- The New Organic Grower by Elliot Coleman – **£6.19 on [World of Books](#)**
- The Market Gardener by JM Fortier – **£12 on [Ebay](#)**
- Growing Green by Jenny Hall and Iain Tolhurst – **£15.49 on [World of Books](#)**
- Veg Journal by Charles Dowding – **£8.79 on [World of Books](#)**
- Teaming with Microbes by Jeff Lowenfels – **£13.29 on [World of Books](#)**
- The Organic Book of Compost by Pauline Pears – **£4.79 on [World of Books](#)**
- Herbs and Healing Plants of Britain and Europe by Dieter Podlech – **£4.19 on [World of Books](#)**
- How to Grow Your Dinner Without Leaving The House by Claire Ratinon – **£7.79 on [World of Books](#)**
- Food for Free by Richard Mabey – **£4.79 on [World of Books](#)**

Affordable online book stores:

- [Wordery](#)
- [World of Books](#)
- [Abe Books](#)
- [Just Books](#)
- [Chelsea Green Publishing UK](#) – 35% off with code LION35
- [Ebay](#)
- [Amazon 'used' sections](#)

Webinars and further resources

- Catalogue of [free webinars](#) from the Landworkers' Alliance (LWA), including on supply chain marketing, winter growing and more.
- LWA Farmer to Farmer webinar program on building farm resilience. Register [here for free.](#)
- [Free webinar series](#) on food and land justice from A Growing Culture.
- SoilMentor free [soil monitoring guide](#). Really useful for understanding your soil health and soil structure.
- [My Family Garden](#) (YouTube gardening channel run by Mothin Ali).
- [Soul Fire Farm YouTube](#) (Afro-Indigenous centred US community farm).
- [Webinars and workshops on herb growing](#) and herbal medicine making with Hackney Herbal.
- [Community Apothecary YouTube channel](#) on herbs and herb growing.
- [Directory of UK-wide herb resources/projects.](#)
- [How-to guides](#) for saving seed with Vital Seeds.
- [Dig It Out Campaign](#) to end racial discrimination in horticulture.
- [Decolonise the Garden](#) campaign.
- [Guides from Shared Assets](#) on access to land, applying for planning permission and more.
- Resources and guidance from Shared Assets on [scaling up land-based enterprises.](#)
- The Woodland Trust applications are open for [free hedgerow trees.](#)
- Opportunity to support the creation of a new technical forest gardening course, with free place offered. Email jake@natureworks.org.uk for more details.
- If you are a member of the [LWA](#), you can join the BPOC Racial Equity Abolition and Liberation working group for support and community. Membership of LWA costs £25 per year for members, varied prices for supporter membership, or £5 for youth (16-25) membership.
- Walworth Garden seasonal [workshops](#) including autumn/winter growing and plant propagation.
- Walworth Garden social and therapeutic horticulture groups: [Growback](#) and [Growing to Grow.](#)
- [One-day seasonal workshops on RHS](#) including rose pruning, apple pruning, planning your garden and more.
- RHS bursaries for projects specific to horticulture. Eligibility and applications [here.](#)

- Walworth Garden offers [individualized voluntary opportunities](#), e.g. teaching assistant volunteers for Level 2 classes. (Email francesca@walworthgarden.org.uk and reference LION growers grants)
- [Planning resources](#) from the Ecological Land Cooperative.
- Ecological Land Cooperative resources on [various agroecological topics](#) such as community finance, access to land and more.
- [Free online talks and lectures](#) from Kew Gardens.
- Email LION (hello@landinournames.community) if interested in free trees from the Social Orchard in Spring.
- Keep an eye on the [RHS website](#) for upcoming information about funding opportunities for organisations.
- Keep a look out on [Black Butterfly's Instagram](#) for upcoming details about their agriculture and food sovereignty project, Joyful Roots, with workshops on classes on planting, woodwork, cooking and more.
- If based in Belfast, get in touch with [Grow](#) for community gardening sessions and support with accessing training.
- Check out these [resources from the National Food Service](#) on food justice.

We hope you have found this resource pack useful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact hello@landinournames.community. If there is any information you feel is missing, or that others may benefit from being included in the pack, please let us know.

Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that the organisations listed in this resource pack centre racial justice. Please use your own discretion when applying for jobs or voluntary opportunities and do not remain in spaces in which you do not feel safe or comfortable.