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Happy Solstice All!

nearly spring already :-)

Please note that **the AGM will take place in the East room at the Civic Hall at 4pm on the 23rd of January.** Our guest speaker will be the wonderful Mary Clear, chair of [Incredible Edible Todmorden](#), and apart from (brief) AGM business, we will also have a short workshop all about getting compost on the menu, so to speak, with the Leeds Rotters team.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/feed-leeds-agm-with-mary-clear-tickets-53990218196>

Whether you can come or not, **please take a moment to support Feed Leeds** by sending to me a (very, if necessary) report on your best highlights from 2018. I'm sure you're great at getting good news out to your own network, but we do need to share positive stories widely and frequently at city scale to remind everyone that there's some fantastic stuff going on in Leeds, and where to find it. Doing this is Feeds Leeds' primary raison d'être - we are much much stronger together - so please do try to find a moment while you digest your sprouts and dream of next year's asparagus. Thanks!

Thanks to Sarah-Jane from RHS for the following update:

2019 Greening Grey Britain Funding - Applications open until 28th February 2019

In 2019, the RHS will support a number of intergenerational partnership

projects between community organisations and schools/youth groups, who want to work together to transform an unloved space in their area to benefit the local community and environment. We'll provide successful applicants with hands-on support from the RHS Outreach Team, plus up to £500 worth of plants and materials per project.

We're asking applicants to show how their transformation would fit in with at least one of the following themes:

- Grow for People: create a garden to help promote better health and wellbeing
- Grow for the Planet: create a garden that will help to address local environmental issues
- Grow for Wildlife: create a space for wildlife to boost local biodiversity

If you have any queries or wish to find out if you are eligible to apply please contact Sarah-Jane 07889 070897 or visit the RHS website - <https://www.rhs.org.uk/ggbwithcommunities> for further information and a link to guidance notes and the application form.

Note also this funding opportunity which came from Emma Trickett in Parks Funding for pocket parks and refurbishment of parks and public spaces for benefit of local communities – for relaxation, play, health etc. It can include areas for food growing.

For community groups in partnership with LA. 15K for pop ups and £25K for the rest.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/761603/Pocket_Parks_Plus_Prospectus.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1N8VzU42dZsVeX4DKwdz-ivhUEFA9S8oWYg852PfKo7YwqU8tCZRZAHrg

By the time of the AGM we will have had our meeting with Leeds CEO Tom Riordan, so will be able to report back on LCC planning re food resilience in

the face of climate change, Brexit or both (a very, very scary scenario) and the mapping and protection of food growing land in the city in case of an emergency Dig for Survival campaign, among other things.

Thanks to all for your support over the years, and especially this year while I've been sat in the hot seat. May I add my own very best wishes for the Winder Solstice, Pancha Ganapati, HumanLight, Hanukka, Yule, Yalda, Winterval (eugh!), Festive Season, and, err, what's the other one? Oh, yes, Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

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