

ACH tenants attend Netplants Project

Netplants is a six-partner European project, running over two years, that focuses on getting people reengaging and reconnecting with the environment. Centred around four topics; cooking with no means, gardening on a shoestring, beauty with plants, and wild food, the project seeks to showcase workshops from its partner in order to train trainers in delivering these sessions, whilst teaching unemployed learners new skills and insights in order to improve their all-round wellbeing.

This January, Netplants' UK partner Superact hosted their second workshop week of the Netplants European Project. After attending the first workshop in Calais last September, Ashley Community Housing was once again approached and invited to bring two learners to the week-long workshop in Somerset.

Mustafa Nahar and Rodwan Arban, both ACH tenants from Sudan, were chosen to take part.

"It was an amazing experience for all involved! It was refreshing to have a hands-on learning experience that included a huge cultural exchange of ideas, languages, knowledge and friendships! It was amazing to see the change in people over the week and to hear people saying "we are one country of many cultures"

Matilda Kay, ACH Training Officer

"The week was an amazing opportunity for me. It was more than I could ever have expected. Everyone were really great people. Before I went on Netplants I had no idea how to make anything by hand. But in the farm I learned many things. I learnt how to make a willow basket and how to make a wool snood. I had no idea about gardening, but now I do! In 20 years' time I'll be telling my children about this week. Thank you."

Rodwan Arban, ACH Tenant and learner

"Thank you for the opportunity. It made me so happy, everyone was happy! I learnt so much and made new friends. It has really broadened my knowledge and outlook."

Mustafa Nahar, ACH tenant

Off the back of Netplants, our tenants have been offered various opportunities which we are looking forward to developing in the near future. If you are interested in finding out more about Netplants and its partners, please follow the link below:

<http://www.netplants.eu/en/partners/>

Learn more about Netplants' first workshop in Calais:

<http://ashleyhousing.blogspot.co.uk/2015/09/my-week-with-netplants.html>

<http://www.superact.org.uk/2015/10/20/netplants-our-green-adventure/>