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“GARDEN” your educational life -
a new learning environment and
opportunity to access education
and improve employability for young
disadvantaged adults in Europe

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‘Mind is a garden’ Viktor Hugo

Plants and gardening are innovative learning environments that can provide several benefits to teachers and learners. Aside from their importance in the earth’s ecosystems, plants in the GARDEN project can play a major role in the design of new learning pathways for disadvantaged youth.

Most importantly, the project can increase the motivation of the learners by creating a more attractive approach to their education. For teachers it facilitates the quality of the teaching experience.



Gardening as part of the so-called “green sectors” is also an example of good practice to fight youth unemployment.

Learning shapes our daily life!

There are several ways of learning basic skills in life. By employing innovative methods in a new learning environment, educators have more possibilities to reach young, low level educated learners. The GARDEN project is developing new motivational concepts and innovative methods for training of basic skills, key skills and personal competences. Within the experimental training the learners will, for example, practice instructing another person to plant flowers in order to develop the skill to provide clear and concise instructions to others and become experts in their fields. They will design and build a concrete trough on their own to understand that it is useful to make a plan and think things through before going into action. The training shall help learners to improve their educational level and gain new access & chances in the labour market. Find more details on www.garden-project.eu.

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