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Unexpected Garden,
Centre 81

Garden

Summary
of the
garden

With views over Loch Long and Gareloch, the Unexpected Gardens in Argyll share a proximity with salt and fresh water, basing their gardens around the nearby flora and fauna. This makes them fascinating locations to explore how the area's indigenous plant life is used in food, medicine, dyed textiles and art.

The garden at Centre 81 is used by various groups and individuals who use it (including carers, youth groups, Cafe n' play, a veterans charity, people with additional support needs, people in pre-employability programmes and volunteers) as well as people and groups from the local community, including the local ELC [what does this stand for?] In addition, successfully grown produce from here has been shared with the community and used within the centre to provide free lunches for community groups.

Stakeholders:
Centre 81

Who is
involved

Main aims
of the
garden

- Providing a place for socialising
- People have found mental health benefits being there
- Playing and growing
- Shared learning and volunteering
- Community engagement

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Main
contacts for
the garden

Their
needs for
the garden

- Work experience or placement students
- Joint growing
- Creating interactive guides for growing in the garden
- Open to suggestions and ideas

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Images of the Unexpected Garden and the various planters around the site. The garden is also surrounded by boots that grow different plants across the site - this was the first small act of the garden creation.

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Community members using the garden, cutting down produce and community members from the youth group using the space. Bottom left image: the gardens potting shed

