

RIGHT TO

GROW

Up and down the country public land is being left unloved, costing our local authorities money to care for, and giving nothing back to the community in return. With a little TLC these parcels of land can be turned into oases for food and wildlife.

Red tape and complex leases often stop communities from making good use of public land, not to mention the fact that it can be incredibly hard to find out where exactly this unloved public land is.

It's time we were afforded a Right to Grow; an opportunity to take up our seed packets, spades and watering cans, and nourish our communities, without all the hoop-jumping.

A Right to Grow would require local authorities to maintain a list of public land that is suitable for community cultivation or wildlife projects. They would also need to make it straight-forward for community groups to secure free leases to cultivate the land, and allow those groups to bid for the land should the authority decide to sell it.

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WHY DO WE NEED A RIGHT TO GROW?

- Many still struggle to access land or don't know what's available
- Council policies are often fragmented and responsibilities are unclear
- Bureaucracy blocks projects needlessly
- Local policies for some can lead to national policies for all
- Community growing can contribute to wider food and climate policies

HOW WILL A RIGHT TO GROW WORK?

- Councils provide accessible lists of public land
- Leases are simple and free for community groups
- 'Permission' is replaced with a rights-based approach
- Authorities extend trust in citizens to take community growing forward
- Community growing will be built in to other local policies, improving support

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