

## Founding Meeting of the European network of gardeners and head gardeners – February 9 2024

### Michel Schlosser

Thank you for this first round of introductions. I'm happy to realize that we are already European. We have somebody from Germany. We have several people from Belgium. We have people from the United Kingdom and we have some French people. So that's it we are European and we have already achieved one objective. Now the objective is to realize the network itself...

**A network is a two-way process, how could you contribute to such a network ? What are you prepared to bring to the network ? what would you like to bring to this venture ?**

### Helena Dove

I mean, Kew isn't the most historic, but we definitely have got room to take people on for visits and work, work weeks. And there's lots of historic gardens around us that Hampton Court that I'm sure would happily to, you know, we could make a good week if people want to come and visit around the London historic area, I'm sure we could make that work. It's not, I say it's not the most historic, but there is an historic aspect in there, even though it's a botanic garden.

### Michel Schlosser

So you would be happy to welcome fellow gardeners.

### Helena Dove

Yeah.

### Helen Moray

To share experiences and contacts as well. I think that would be very useful in particular aspects of certain parts of historic garden.

For instance, I'm just **embarking on looking at dredging a lake** and sorting out the silt pit and sluice gates, all that kind of things. It's new to me, so I've learned quite a lot. So it's nice to share if someone's in the middle of that. Blenheim have just completed that in the UK, in Queen Pool, the smaller part of their lake visited that earlier in the year. So yeah, that kind of thing. Really. There's lots of aspects to our, only got a 32 acres site, at the estate, but we've got a little piece of everything in there from a stream garden to a kitchen garden to an orchard, which is all under restoration. So, collaborating would be amazing.

### Jonathan Cansdale

As my first job as a head gardener. I restored a kitchen garden in Yorkshire, and, we restored the greenhouses, peach house, melon house, cold frames.

### Michel

Would be willing to bring this experience to the network ?

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### Jonathan

Yes, I can certainly talk about that. And what we did. This is going back quite some time ago, but yes, it's possible.

### Alix de Saint Venant

It's the same for me. 20 years ago, I put the vegetable garden back into cultivation. It dates back to the beginning of the 16th century and had become four squares of grass, which fortunately had escaped the swimming pool, but was still four squares of grass. So I can share this experience, even if it was 20 years ago. You can also share the mistakes you've made that you wouldn't make again. I think you learn a lot from the mistakes you've made yourself. I hope that in this network, we're going to see a lot of each other and that's how we acquire knowledge and know-how and we can also learn from the mistakes that others have made so that we can avoid them. I'm very interested in that.

### Lucy Pitman

Kerstin has put something in the chat about contacts with kitchen gardens in Germany

### Kerstin Imogen Vieth

Yes. I don't know if you have contact with Jost Albert. I guess so. He is also in the, international network group. There is also a [network of kitchen gardens in Germany](#) since 12 years. And we meet once a year in Germany in our gardens. So it's a pity that none attends to the meeting today. I don't know why. I don't know if they are in the other meetings, but, when I asked last summer, there was none who took part to this group; perhaps it is a matter of language, because it's in English or French, I don't know.

### Lucy

Yes, we know Horst Albert very well. He's been a friend of the Walled Kitchen Gardens Network for a long time.

### Kerstin Imogen Vieth

Yes. But there are none of the other colleagues, and that's a pity because we are about 20 gardens.

### Michel

Okay. But you know, it's the first meeting!

### Lucy

Kerstin, would that be something that people from outside Germany could come and join ? When you have your meeting of all the kitchen gardens in Germany ?

### Kestin

No, it's only for, it's a group of about 20 or 30 people for discussing and visiting, but perhaps someone, one or two persons from the German network could perhaps represent the European network.

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### Michel

What are your activities in the German network ?

### Kerstin

It's a nice group, and we meet, once a year, normally in July. And, we meet around in the different gardens. Last year we were in the kitchen garden in the former [Cistercian monastery of Neuzelle](#), nearby the border of Poland, about one and a half hour, east from Berlin. The theme was how to handle the products from a kitchen garden. And there was a wonderful cook who cooked with this in his hotel. And, this year we meet, will meet in the south of Germany nearby Rutenberg. The theme will be how to store the fruits after picking them. So, we have always a main theme, and then we meet for two days, and we have an excursion around the garden. Also, we all have time, about a half an hour each garden, to tell about a special problem or to discuss, new things or to have a presentation. Some of the members are historians and they tell us about their work during the year.

Next year we will meet in Eutin, and the theme will be the use of volunteers. At Eutin we work with 50 volunteers.

### Michel

Is that common in Germany to work with volunteers or is it exceptional ?

### Kerstin

It's a special, it's really a special thing to have such a big group of 50 volunteers. None of the other gardens has such a big group.

### Michel

This is a very interesting, theme because for example, in France, very few gardens work with volunteers contrary to UK or The Netherlands.

### Frank Delalex

Hello everyone. My name is Franck Delalex. I look after the conservatory orchard at the Jardin du Luxembourg in Paris, which is a historic collection dating back to 1650. Today we're committed to preserving old varieties that date back 150 years to before the French Revolution. There are two members of staff. There is a permanent gardener in charge of the conservatory orchard, my colleague Mr Mathieu Rose, and a gardener who is his deputy and who is trained by the permanent gardener over a period of one year, which ensures that the know-how is passed on over the years and decades. We currently run courses for the general public, including theory and practical courses on conserving and growing fruit trees. Our courses are given by a gardener who is in charge of the orchard, plus other gardeners who help him with this task. The course covers everything from planting fruit trees and pruning to preserving the fruit. These courses are aimed more at private individuals. They are not qualifying courses or recognized by a diploma. That's all there is to it. Each year, we have between 80 and 100 students.

### Trevor Nicholson

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Yes indeed we would certainly welcome gardeners to come and visit Harewood. I think it's important that we all join together to share and keep alive vital skills and knowledge. And we'd be very glad to, have any gardeners from Europe to come and visit Harewood. And I will explore whether we could link with the [Treasure Houses of England](#). They include obviously Chatsworth, Harewood, but also Hatfield House and Woburn Abbey, Castle Howard, Bleinheim Palace, Burgley House, Holkam Hall and gardens like that. Very different, very diverse range of gardens with a lot of historic features, a lot of bespoke features, and a huge range of plants and planting styles with lakes, canals, rivers, ponds, fountains, all of these things. I think it would be a real resource if we could link with the Treasure Houses of England. Some, some of those treasure houses already have accommodation that could accept maybe some gardener's exchange programs and training.

**Michel**

How long could exchange programs be ?

**Trevor**

Well, I, I'd say, I'd say a week.

You'd want a week in a garden to get to know the garden. Harewood haven't got ny accommodation at the moment, but I'm certain, certain that we could look into. We are planning to have accommodation for students and trainees in the near future, and I know that other gardeners in the Treasure Houses Forum do have accommodation already that could possibly accept the Gardeners exchange program. I'll talk to them about that.

**Michel**

Super, we also had the question from some people asking if it would be possible for some gardens to welcome young people, apprentice trainees who are discovering the profession just out of school, and who need more practical training. Is that something, a place like Harewood could offer?

**Trevor**

Yes, we do exchange trainees with other gardens. We've, we've got one coming from York Gate Garden, in April. And, this person will spend a few days with us, and we have a trainee who will go to York Gate as well. So I'm sure that could be, extended to a European framework.

**Arnaud Duplat**

I'd like to pick up on the training aspect for young and old alike. In partnership with the École de Paysage de Versailles, we have a new training programme in the pipeline, specializing in Master Gardener at degree level. That's why we're here today. There will be modules covering the art of pruning fruit trees and the classic vegetable garden, but that's not all. We're interested in the various exceptional gardens that would be able to take on trainees as part of trips, studies or international exchanges. So we can provide manpower, so to speak. And then, of course, we can also welcome other professional gardeners to the school to come and see what we do at our own little level, even if it's more of an educational garden on a more ornamental theme and biodynamics, rather than an exceptional historical

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garden. In any case, we'll potentially have students at the heart of this Master Gardener project. And if they can do a tour of Europe, that's even better. So that's why we're interested in this network. Thank you, Alix.

### Alix

Can you accommodate them at the School?

### Arnaud

Of course not. With the Olympics it's expensive, but we can do some camping and then we can always find Airbnb or accommodation. We're also working on finding solutions. We have partnerships with social housing offices for our students. If it's during periods when our students aren't present, there are possibilities. You just need to plan ahead.

### Hennes Klaasen

This year they, were or going to Het loo. Um, and I think the first time, but it's possible that others visited, somewhere else. I don't know that exactly. Maybe somebody know more about it.

### Kate Nichol

Individual UK gardeners can't get Erasmus funding for traveling to Europe, but there is a lot of Royal Horticultural society funding available for people to travel, their bursary scheme, but also the craft skills for the [Garden conservation project](#) that I work for is Erasmus funded and the UK can participate, they can come to our workshops. We have three workshops coming up this year, one on ponds and fountains at Het Loo and if you look at the website, there's a lot of webinars recorded on different heritage garden skills, all funded by the Erasmus project.

### Michel

On the issue of training, Mathieu Constans just posted a comment saying that in some countries, and France in particular, there is a lack, of training for gardeners.

### Marcel Vossen

In my opinion, there's a huge lack of knowledge about fruit trees. Not just about pruning, but also about how to plant, and everything else you need to do to grow quality fruit. We need to remedy this lack of knowledge by creating a network to train specialists, and that's going to take time. You can't learn all this in a day, or in just one visit. So we really need to have a network that runs an intensive course for at least three years and for several weeks a year throughout the growing seasons. From winter pruning to harvesting the fruit. I think this is very important. I've worked in many gardens, not only in France, but also in England and Germany. And I've noticed that in many gardens, there's a certain lack of knowledge.

### Michel

Marcel, would you be prepared to let the members of our new network benefit from this training?

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### Marcel

With great pleasure. And not just me, because my age means I'll only be able to do it for a few years, but also Jurgen Van der Cruijssen who is with us and who also has this knowledge of fruit trees. So, between the two of us, we'll be able to teach this course in the near future.

### Michel

Who would this course be open to? Students during or after their studies? Professionals who are already working?

### Marcel

In my opinion, we need to organize courses for professionals who are prepared to spend at least three years training in different jobs for several weeks a year. Students could come and see what we do and take this training for a few days during their studies. That way, they can see the different aspects they need to learn and the minimum they need to know to become gardeners who really know their job.

### Alix

Are there any accommodation options in Gaasbeek?

### Marcel

There are possibilities in the surrounding area, but not in the garden - that's not possible.

### Michel

So, there are people who can bring expertise, there are people who can welcome other gardeners. There are people who can arrange exchange of gardeners, people who can, welcome trainees. It looks great! Are there other things you could bring to the network? Other ideas?

### Hennes

I think, knowing each other is very important. And also knowing who does what in the different countries we have. When there's a list of contacts and possibilities, it is may be easier to get in contact. So that's important. We made a great start. Now it's a lot of positive energy. I think it's good to have a list of names and addresses, and who does what in different gardens.

### Trevor

Yes. I agree. What Hennes is saying is one of the three things that I wrote down to try and achieve in the short term.

The first thing was for everybody to encourage gardeners to join the European network. The second thing was to establish a directory of members and contact information.

And the third was to try and at least initiate a database of garden specialties at each garden that would basically, a list of training resources.

But I think also, it's great to have all of these dis enthusiasm, but should we look at how we can record some of the training? Because some people are experts, who have specialist skills

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and it would be good to explore how we as a, as an organization, how the, the European Gardens Network could capture the skills, the knowledge through videos, so that we can pass that on to students.

### Michel

That's also something that could be a way to overcome the language barrier also, because videos are not so difficult to translate.

### Jonathan Cansdale

I think, as somebody else said, it's very important to have that a hands-on experience year after year, so that the **skills become part of your everyday knowledge**. You don't learn that without actually being in front of a fruit tree, or, you know, unless you actually look at the tree and the whole tree, and before you do any cuts, then unless you're there in the garden, you can't experience it and can't learn.

### Trevor

And it's very, it's very important to have continuity so that successive generations of gardeners could learn those same skills. It's just that if you have a particular expert of one particular thing who, who's maybe, you know, retiring soon and wants to pass on their knowledge, it would be good to capture that somehow with a, in a way that is accessible to everybody.

### Michel

There will be a need to find a way to facilitate travel, because obviously traveling is easy within a country or within a region but obviously more complicated or at least more expensive at European level. So maybe we have to think in terms of funding schemes that can facilitate this. And videos can complement when visits are not possible. I also agree that physical contact is an important thing. And I believe, for example, that for young gardeners it could be a great experience to be exposed to how things are done in other countries. And, my feeling is that at least in France, no horticultural school is good at helping young gardeners to travel around and to have experience in gardens in Europe. So, if we manage to do this, we'll not compete with anybody. We'll actually help very much young gardeners.

### Trevor

I think that's a great point. And, as you know, gardeners by their nature are very generous people, and as Jonathan said, there's nothing better than being on site with other gardeners and establishing friendships and connections throughout Europe. It can only enrich the industry.

### Lucy

I was just talking to Kate and we think that it would be very possible for students and trainees and gardeners to work in gardens the UK as well as in Europe. UK is not in Erasmus but it would be possible for people to go in Europe.

### Michel

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Great and since there is a willingness to welcome people nothing is impossible.  
Other ideas ? I would like to pick up on Trevor's idea of a sort of directory of the members becoming progressively a database for the network. How do you see the development of this server from the list ? Do you think we should send around a questionnaire?

### Trevor

Yes. initially just send out a questionnaire, like you say, to just ask 'em simple questions, what they would like to gain from the network, what difficulties do they have that they feel that the network could overcome or help them to overcome. There was somebody in the chat saying that they work in a garden that's quite remote. I think that's where the European gardeners network would be more useful in being able to pick up the phone, and get some opportunity to share skills and knowledge. And I think a directory would be great for that. And also a database of gardens. And I think having a sort of matrix with the special qualities of the garden, the different features, whether there's a ancient orchard, whether there's a parterre, whether there's a lake, whether there're a particular plant collections or stars of garden. And there can be many gardens that have the same features or similar features. Historic features that if you do get a, a garden that is re remote, at least that garden can say, well, I can't go to England. But there is also in Belgium that's say, a garden that has similar qualities or similar features, and they may find it easier to travel to Belgium or it just access to these resources.

### Alix

I had a question for the whole group, maybe not for the people in the UK, but for the others in Europe. Have you ever received students under the Erasmus system?

### Arnaud Duplat

Yes, we have. We've had two. Two years ago, we had an Italian student on a nursery and landscape training course who stayed with us for three months. And last year, Noelia, a Spanish student from Cordoba studying landscaping and market garden production.

### Alix

I might have another idea, because it's sometimes difficult to leave your garden. Couldn't we set up a sort of 'workplace' where different subjects could be dealt with? I don't know if there's a word for it in French). For example, boxwoods, boxwood diseases, caterpillars that eat boxwoods. Couldn't we have access to a "workplace" where everyone could tell us how they're managing their problem after working all day in the garden? I see that Arnaud has just answered my question, what is a Padlet?

### Arnaud

It's a place where everyone posts their stuff by category. It can be photos, videos, questions, polls or exchanges.

### Michel

How does it work?



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### Arnaud

Hervé is our specialist here. It's an Internet address where you access a virtual wall where you can post your information, by category.

You can upload attachments, you can post videos, and there can be a chat room where you can respond individually or collectively.

### Alix

Can you share this on the zoom?

### Arnaud

This is our padlet at Dubreuil. You choose the category and there you have the map of your garden. Here's the vegetable garden. We're here, we're very small. We're tiny, we're here. So it can be documents or it can be games, educational resources, technical documents. It can be communication. You put what you want in it. At Du Breuil, we also use it for our students, to distribute documents and anything else we want to share with them.

It's free if you limit it to three walls. For more walls, you have to pay for more stuff, but I think that with three big display panels like that, we have more than enough to get the network off the ground.

### Michel

Could you create a few boards to get the network up and running and start exchanging ideas?

### Arnaud

Hervé, go and help me. There's no problem creating and running the site. After that, it'll obviously be up to you to provide the content.

With contact sheets and documents. If everyone can put a map of their garden or documentation on their garden by category, if we can welcome students and all that. We could set up a welcome board.

### Michel

Arnaud put the address in the chat. Can we try to use this tool to start building the directory of our European network of gardeners and head gardeners? Does that satisfy everyone?

### Arnaud

I'm going to create a specific padlet for the Historic Gardens, Fruit Growers and Company network. And I'll send you the connection link. I think it's simpler and it will be the padlet for our network.

### Michel

It could be a very nice practical first step. Trevor, what do you think of this ?

### Trevor

Yes, I agree. It's, it'd be good to have it all in one place. It's a very useful tool, I think, to, you know, facilitate the network and contacts and share resources and knowledge

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### Sam Brown

Given, given the amount of knowledge there is here, would you consider, expanding it to other fields of the garden ? Or would you prefer to keep it as the kitchen garden and orchards

### Michel

That, that's an interesting question. That's an interesting question because we obviously have started as a kitchen gardens network. Then should we, limit ourselves ? Should we be inclusive and open our arms to other types of gardens ? I don't know. It's up to you to decide.

### Lucy

Michel, I perhaps suggest that we start as, as we already exist, and then, but always think about how to expand, how to include others. Because like Trevor was saying, lots of gardens have have lakes and Himalayan valleys and, um, glass houses. So maybe that can come.

### Michel

What do you have against lakes?

### Lucy

Nothing at all. But they're not usually in the kitchen garden.

### Trevor

They're not as easy as they look, believe me.

### Michel

Again, I have no enough philosophy on that. But it's true that the core of the network at the beginning is fruit and kitchen gardens.

### Jim Arbury

Sorry for the technical problems. I'm Jim Arbury. I'm cultural specialist with the RHS based at Wisley. My particular interest or experience is with fruit trees and training and that sort of thing.

### Michel

Welcome. So you are obviously a source of expertise for the network. That's great.

### Trevor

Would Jim be able to put his, contact details in the chat ?

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Other recommendations that we can make to ourselves for making this, this network successful, and say, what, what would you like this network to be? Um, let's say it's a bit the same, always the same question, but what would you make you happy to be part of this network? What would you like it to bring to you and to what would make you willing to spend some time on this, on this network? What's the, what do we expect from, from this?

### Jonathan

I think it's like you said at the start, it's about communication. It's about bringing people together. We're all senior gardeners here you know, and it's, it's good to talk and good to meet people. I think with the day-to day of the garden, it's good to be able to meet and talk people that have the same levels of responsibility. I am in a kitchen garden looking after orchards is still good to, to create a network with people at this level, I think. And then if we could start talking about bringing apprenticeships in, and encouraging, um, younger people to learn and to join horticulture, I think that would be a phenomenal thing to, to offer. and to build on.

### Trevor

Certainly, with the core aim to share, share knowledge and skills. As we move through the future, we will have to deal with climate change. And it just would be good to have a range of people in a range of different organizations dealing with these issues, sustainability, climate change, and share that knowledge with everybody in the network.

### Helena Dove

I think it'd be good to have a place where, as a non trainee anymore, I can still get support. I have been the only kitchen gardener in any garden I've ever worked in. And I think that's the same, **at least in the UK, you're often the only kitchen gardener**. So to get support in my professional development, it's not as easy as it was when I was a trainee. So, it is really important for me to have other professionals that I can ask those questions to. I guess that the network could be turned a safe space where I can really open up, what's going on? what's happening? I don't know how to do this.

So one of the best things I've done was go to the Walled Kitchen Gardens Network conference, to which Kate, many months ago, invited me along to a National Trust kitchen gardens and I got so much out of the people there because there were people doing what I was doing. They'd done their training. So, it's a sort of slightly different level to when I was a trainee. So, I think that's really valid in not just looking at people that are training, but people that are continuing their professional development. I think that's really valid as well.

### Trevor

Yeah. That's definitely very important to, to offer support. And I think you are in good company.

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### Alix

So I'm going to speak for Mathieu Constans who, as you know, doesn't have a voice today, but who mentioned in the chat that it would be interesting to exchange seeds or plants, to exchange seeds to see how things work from one climate to another and from one garden to another. This could also appear on the Padlet.

### Trevor

Yes. That, that's a really interesting point actually, about how do we conserve the resource, whether it's fruit trees, bud seeds, all that kind of thing. And in the future in the future, it would really be good to perhaps to have groups of specialists within the network. So, you might have someone who's a specialist in training fruit trees. You might have someone who's a specialist in propagating. And those, you know, those subgroups may be very important where to go initially when you've got a fruit tree that's got a disease, or you need to very quickly propagate it before you lose a vine or a tree. You somebody, there's a group that you can focus on problem that you need support with.

### Michel

Yes, and in the past this kind of things existed because there were a lot of cross-country exchanges and people knew where to go for specialized knowledge.

### Hennes

It's, it's already difficult in our country to know who's doing what. And European-wise, it's a bigger problem. So, if every country has its own list for itself, it's, in my opinion, the first step, and we can share this, and then possible at European level. But in a small country like the Netherlands, it's already difficult to know who doing what and to get a list of that. We can do that for the Netherlands. But I said that at European level, it's more complex. But, there's a lot of energy. That's a good starting point.

### Michel .

We also organize the European symposium on the conservation of historic fruit and kitchen gardens. They are a series of online conferences where some of you have attended but not all of you, because that's a bit different network, and then each, every two years we meet physical. We had a meeting in France in Chambord in 2022 . The 2024 meeting will take place in Holland on September 4 and 5, 2024. Are you all aware of this meeting? And do you plan to attend ? Potentially, this could be the first physical meeting network.

### Michel

We are going to put in the, in the transcript and if this is a good date, then that could be our first meeting. If not, we can find another date, to organize a physical meeting. maybe at a time where, when you are less busy in the garden, because September is very active for some places.

### Arnaud

Yes. September is a busy time in the garden. Later in the season, maybe.

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### Trevor

We'll find that, early to mid-October is a slightly better time than September usually.

### Marcel

I find the period at the beginning of September, even at the end of August, quite interesting because you can see the results in the gardens. It's always important to see the results and any problems that may still exist. Because if it's later, most of the fruit has already gone and you can't really see the results. And for me the result is important.

### Hennes

I hope to meet Trevor in September in, the Netherlands. And, I'll be there and those of you who have the possibility to come are welcome. I'm looking forward to meet the people who will be able to visit at that time.

### Lucy

The Walled Kitchen Gardens network will hopefully have its next forum sometime in the middle of October. So, although we'll be in England, which isn't easy for everybody in Europe will obviously not as easy as Holland, but we'll let everybody know.

### Michel

So that could be also a way to have our first meeting in the UK. Why not ?

### Michel

So let us see how we can find the best solution for meeting.

I'm very happy that we have decided a very practical result: a directory, that, with the padlet, will evolve towards a database of the network. So, please, put, as soon as you get it, put as much information as you can, because with these tools, it's always the same thing, they get interesting when they are well fed ! So again, Trevor and Hennes, are you happy with the, with this first meeting ? Do we, are we on the right direction ?

### Trevor

Yes. I think it went very well beyond expectations, really. I was just going to ask about the chat and how is the chat going to be shared and interpreted into, well, for me, English,

### Lucy

I have already saved it and then we can, we can translate the English comments into French and the French comments into English so that everybody can read. And then we'll send it to, Michel will send it out to everybody.

### Michel

That's, that's fine. And again, after we have diffused the transcript don't hesitate to circulate it to more people in order to get them involved. And I propose that for sending the transcript, **we show the mail addresses** and don't use the, the hidden addresses facility.

Does everybody agree with that ? Yeah.

Any other ideas or that come to your mind at the moment ? And, so what,

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**Trevor**

What, what about having a **projection for gardener's network meeting beyond the first meeting** ? Do you think we need to look at program?

**Michel**

Another zoom, another zoom meeting ?

**Trevor**

No, in person, more like a conference, like a seminar.

**Michel**

When, when would you see that happen ?

**Trevor**

Maybe next year.

**Helena Dove**

I think February is a pretty good time for these sorts of things. Late winter is quite empty normally.

**Helen Morey**

I think for myself, because I'm restoring a small garden because and I have winter projects, Winter becomes optimum for me as well as running the garden throughout the year. Um, so I would probably have to look at things in retrospect and may be not meet in person, because, as one of our other colleagues said, it's hard to leave the garden. I want to be involved, but I'm not sure I'm gonna be able to meet in person.

**Michel**

What we can do is a mixture of in person and video meetings. There could be a part in video for those who cannot attend. There is always a possibility.

**Arnaud**

That's it, the padlet exists! I've built it and I'm sending the link. I've put down what we were saying. Presentation of the gardens, exchange of seeds, technical tips, photos, opportunities for training courses or exchanges. I don't know what other section you'd like to add. We can talk about that. Should I add a chat?

**Michel**

Can you show something ? Arnaud, can you show it ?

**Arnaud**

Yes, I can do that. It is simple enough when you want to add something. You just have to click on the plus sign there on the bottom right.

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### Michel

Please circulate the address so that we can all experiment and thank you for acting as the expert!

Let's try to make it work. That would be super. And when it is filled up, then we can have another zoom meeting for checking that it's exactly what we like to have.

### Lucy

Michel, just one more thing, Matthieu put in the chat that it would be, that we could possibly have zoom meetings on particular specialists subjects.

### Trevor

Just going on from what Lucy just said, we could have some subject specific Zoom meetings, but also seasonal zoom meetings. Could be a roundup of all the season things that you need to get across . So, if you're coming into Autumn and it's starting to be pruning time, you know all the jobs that you need to consider for autumn and spring and summer and various seasonal, seasonal meetings.

### Michel

You mean kind of beginning of the season, kind of a, yeah. Ah, that's interesting idea. Yeah. Right. Okay. Yeah. So, very nice.

### Michel

Kerstin, anything to add ?

### Kestin

No, I'm looking forward. I will give the information to the other colleagues.

### Michel

Great. Great. And you have been very silent during the meeting. Anything you want to add

### Lenneke Berkhout

No, not really. Um, since I'm not a gardener, I like to support the network, but I don't think I should be very actively, telling what the network should do. So I'm happy to help organize all kinds of stuff. Okay. Um, but it's up to the gardeners as far as I'm concerned.

### Michel

Thank you very much for this, for this first meeting. Very, I enjoyed it very much and, and really look forward to, to the next steps. And so happy that, um, Arno has, has proposed this, this first, this first step. Okay. So, you should get the, the transcript within a week or two because there is a problem of, there is problem of working a bit on the translation, et cetera. I dunno how the, let's say when you operate with trans, with, two channel translation, you never know, if you have everything in English, everything in French, or a mixture of both, that can be, that can take a bit of time to put that, to put that together, and then we start from there. So thanks a lot for this founding meeting. Bye now.