

GARDEN CLUB

Reconnection with Nature



FRANCE STUDENTS AGED FROM 16 TO 19 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOOD PRODUCTION

THE SCHOOL

- Hénaff vocational and high school
- Urban area in the suburbs of Paris
- The school describes itself as a major actor of its close environment

Familiarity with the open schooling approach before joining the SALL project

Beginner

Experienced

AHA MOMENTS

- The project was rewarded by the Green Hackathon – a competition organised by the Ile de France Region
- The students provided the school canteen with the vegetables they grow in the school garden
- Students developed effective partnerships with local actors

THE LIVING LAB PROJECT



THE PROBLEM(S)

This living lab project aims at re-connecting students with nature. In a very dense city like Paris, the connection with nature, the rhythm of the seasons and the cycle of plants is rare. Therefore, the living lab project was designed to show the opportunities schools have to reconnect with nature for sustainability and for the wellbeing of their community.



THE PROTOTYPES

- A garden club, open on Tuesdays
- A seeds bank, hosted by the public library



THE SOLUTIONS

- Create a garden in the school yard
- Grow vegetables and fresh herbs to be cooked by the school canteen staff



THE COMMUNITY

- Regional policy makers awarded and supported the project
- A community garden provided materials and advices
- Neighbours provided a rich compost to feed soil
- A primary school class visited the garden and exchanged seeds from its own garden



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