

Elder Farm Trust - A Way Forward - The Portal 966 Govan Road - next to Sunny Govan Radio

24th Feb. 1:30 – 4:00

- **AGENDA:**
- **Short intro of the project, where we are at and where we want to go.**
- **The importance of reclaiming our commons**
- **The potential for community collaboration and participation.**
- **Is the framework the right one - what do you think.**

We would like to invite you to a meeting to consider strategies and planning how best to rebuild a facility that will :

- focus community integration
- encourage participation in events
- provide community education / training / popular education,
- bring community awareness of ownership and management of Community/Common Good Assets

Our community garden and farmhouse has taken some knocks over the last year.

Time to step back and look at the situation. What did we envisage :

- To encourage a healthy diet in providing an understanding in benefits & joys of Good Food/ growing your own
- To provide a recreational and educational space to relax and learn and engage
- The project would be independent and community run
- The project would be eco friendly / support eco goals & healthy living
- The project would honour the deed of gift (ie for recreational / educational / non commercial)
- The redevelopment would be a Community Project from start to finish

The problem

- How to run a non commercial project and still be sustainable / self supporting financially ?
- Do we want to rely on the hiring out of costly communal event space for income? Should these not be free at least for community health recreation and educational purposes?
- How to implement Good Sustainable Energy & Communal Living Policies in the design & build
- How to engage the local and wider community in the vision
- How to come up with a strategy that is supported by the community to reach the vision and long term running of the building/project
- How will the project affect the community.
- How to engage the community into becoming involved with ownership of the project, from design and build to running of the project
- How to engage and encourage awareness / ownership in this and other Common Good Assets
- How does a community become involved in planning and creating a vision.
- How do we create a independent resource for pleasure leisure and learning that is useful to a variety of different groups and activities in the local and wider community.
- We do not wish to be beholden to groups who will negotiate in their favour rules which will detract from the communal goal, any more than we need to , so how to use, adapt, share our own resources to help to develop the project
- Would tying in with other project with similar goals help?

This is not a public meeting. No one is being asked to commit to anything. We simply wish to discuss how to bring in wider community participation: (public meetings, networks, events, questionnaires, surveys etc)

Can we create a community toolkit and user manual that can help out in this process. All help and input welcome.

Tea & biscuits etc supplied. <http://citystrolls.com/farmhouse/>