

LEEDS ALLOTMENT FEDERATION: GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Following last year's very successful "Learning Day" put on for all allotment gardeners in Leeds by the Leeds Allotment Federation in conjunction with Leeds City Council Parks Dept. another event has been arranged for 24th March 2018.

From putting out the advertising poster for this year's event all 150 places were taken up within a fortnight.

The day itself consisted of coffee at 10.00 a.m. on arrival and the opening was by Cllr Jane Dowson, the Lord Mayor of Leeds.

Then two sessions of the six workshops took place.

This was followed by Andrew Tokely, Director of Kings Seeds giving a talk and demonstration on sowing seeds and getting best germination results.

There was a free..! Lunch followed by a further two sessions of the six workshops

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There was an impressive array of workshops.

- Caring for fruit trees Alan Thornton, The Orchard Project
- Composting John Cossham, Master Composter
- Pest Control on allotments Alan Masterton, LCC Pest Control Manager
- Growing Vegetables David Allison, National Vegetable Society
- Grants for Allotments David Ball, Community Matters
- Plate 2 Plate, compost from food bins Mark Warner

Finally there were an evaluation session and closing remarks finishing at 3pm.

Take up for the event has been so great we are now looking at arranging another event for September.



Opening the event Cllr Jane Dowson, Lord Mayor of Leeds with Paul Lattimer, Chairman, Leeds Allotments Federation.



Andrew Tokely, Director, Kings Seeds giving a talk on sowing seeds and germination.



Clr Jane Dowson, Lord Mayor of Leeds with Judy Turley, President of the Leeds Allotment Federation.



Lunch all lined up, yummee.



A bit of fun, Phil Gomersall, Publicity Officer, Leeds Allotment Federation and Cllr Jane Dowson, Lord Mayor of Leeds.



workshop in progress



David Allison, National Vegetable Society, with one of his workshops.