

Marginalized Groups Need Networks: Urban Gardens as Places for Integration

“Solidarity Spaces Are a Matter of Life and Death”

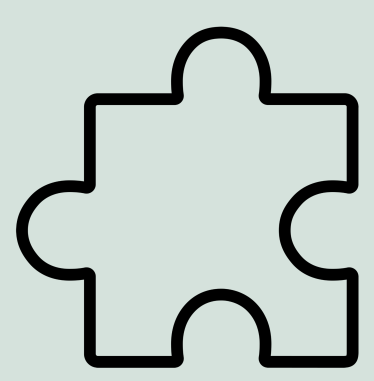
Extract from interview

Mutually beneficial for all involved



Funds and Resources

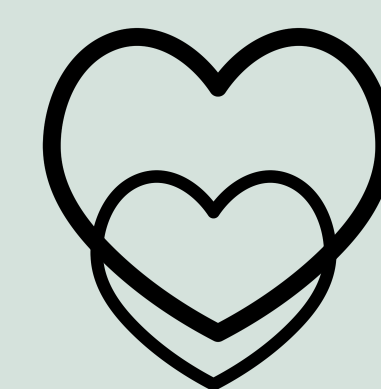
- Financial and time resources are needed
- Relies mostly on individuals



Political power

- Bigger cooperation would facilitate these kind of initiatives
- Would be helpful if state would be more flexible

Results: Refugee and Sans Papiers organisations as well as Community Garden initiatives both face challenges with resources and the state, but could profit from collaborating together.



Community and Networks

- Friendships are important when you're outside the system
- Spaces to meet people and build connections



Collaboration and flat hierarchy

- Avoid hierarchies, work collaboratively
- Self-organized and participatory



Contributing to society

- Being involved creates daily structure and meaning
- Education and learning through contributing

Methods: Domains for linking were Urban Gardening initiatives and Sans Papier/Refugee organization. For this research we conducted three interviews and then used the Constructivist Grounded Theory Methodology with a focus on line-by-line coding in the analysis process.

