Kirkstall Valley Farm - start up funding

by Kirkstall Valley Development Trust in Leeds, England, United Kingdom



We did it

On 31st January 2020 we successfully raised £25,748 with 302 supporters in 65 days

Help us raise £20,000 to set up a new 16 acre farm in inner Leeds, owned and run by the community

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New stretch target

If we raise enough we'd like to get two more poly tunnels like the one here, already on site to increase our winter range

Kirkstall Valley Development Trust has been granted a lease on a 16-acre community farm in Leeds and would like your help in setting it up. The Farm will supply fresh veg to local

residents, host community and education projects and be a social focus for the whole of Kirkstall Valley. There are also a set of allotments where organic growers are welcome.

We need around £20,000 for a tractor, equipment, polytunnels, green manure seed, toilets, a collection hut and social area and making the site secure. By the end of 2020 we want to be gearing up for full production.

EVERY £ YOU GIVE WILL BE MATCHED BY A LOCAL BENEFACTOR

The site has been farmed commercially since the '50s, but the tenant (by then in his 80s), died in 2017. Kirkstall Valley Development Trust expressed an interest in taking the lease and a Farm Steering Group was formed that developed a business plan. On the back of that, Leeds City Council have granted us a five year lease beginning in April 2020, with the understanding that this will become a long lease if the project is successful.

Our intention is to use the next year to get ready, organise volunteers, prepare the land and build the structures we'll need. From 2021, by asking veg box growers to pay their year's veg in advance, we intend to appoint a Grower and with our volunteers, go flat out for financial self-sufficiency as a community supported agriculture scheme

We already have 170 registered volunteers / veg box buyers + people with proposals for funded social projects. Please get in touch with roger.plumtree@kvdt.org.uk if you would like to join them.

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Rewards

This project offers rewards in return for your donation.

Featured ★

£200 or more

Founding Funder

Appear in a roll of honour inscribed on one of our new barn building - not the compost toilet.

£24 or more

Membership

The cost of annual membership (£2 a month). You will be a founder member of the Farm and paid up for 2020. You will be able to elect the Steering Group and help shape its policies

£500 or more

Dinner for two at Smak

Appear in roll of honour + enjoy a free dinner for two at the restaurant of our local supporters Smak - the Polish restaurant on Kirkstall Road

£1,000 or more

Farm Champion

All the above + a second year's free membership

Got an idea like this?

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