

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL & THERAPEUTIC HORTICULTURE IN THE UK

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### TRELLIS

- Scottish network for social and therapeutic horticulture
- Support to practitioners
- Support c 500 projects & start-ups
- Provide training, annual conference & International Seminar Series
- Raise awareness and standards



### THE NEED: PROFESSIONAL, HIGH QUALITY SOCIAL AND THERAPEUTIC HORTICULTURE

- Public safety and confidence
- No quality standards
- No standardised training
- Low public/policy awareness constrains access



### WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO ADDRESS THIS NEED?

- Consultation
- Research: into professional bodies in the UK and internationally
- The Professional Standards Authority
- Regular Professional Development Forum meetings
- Bid to raise funding for development work
- Development of training with academic partners
- Inaugural World Therapeutic Horticulture Day 2023
- Active membership of the European network of therapeutic gardening organisations.

### THE SOLUTION: THE CREATION OF THE UK ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL AND THERAPEUTIC HORTICULTURE

To do this we need to:

- Continue consultation
- Develop the new Association
- Apply to the Professional Standards Authority
- Create a practitioner register
- Develop more high quality training



### PRACTITIONERS' THOUGHTS

"I think professional registration & professional regulation is key for moving the STH practice forward."

"Thank you all for your hard work to make this a reality."

'What an interesting meeting yesterday – thank you. What a lot of work!'

