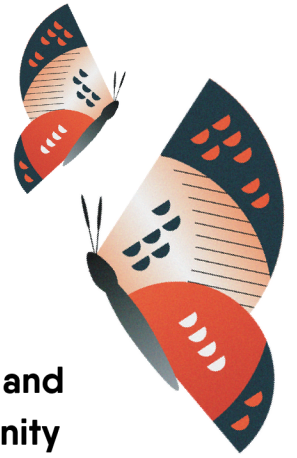


Partnership Overview

Van Dusen Garden X Foundry Wellness Program



This initiative will offer Foundry youth free access to green space and nature-based experiences. Centre/virtual staff will have opportunity to access the gardens as part of Wellness programming, facilitating group experiences along with providing memberships to individual youth and families. Centres/virtual team will receive membership passes, which can be distributed as needed for individual youth, family/caregiver access, as well as group access for wellness outings, and for Foundry staff access.

Programs and Resources

- Use of membership passes- either individual or group access, and possibilities of creating therapeutic space and programs in collaboration with Van Dusen.
- Please contact jaffolder@foundrybc.ca to discuss accessible therapeutic activities at the garden.



Background

- The Garden Respite Fund is a new program giving free, unlimited access to VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory to support mental health. Van Dusen Garden is partnering with Foundry with a new initiative to offer Foundry youth free access to green space and nature-based experiences, through memberships to the gardens and opportunities to experience therapeutic garden spaces.
- Time in nature improves mental wellbeing, and VanDusen Botanical Garden is ideally suited to support nature-based mental health recovery in our communities. Located in the heart of Vancouver and easily accessible by public transport, the garden has been internationally recognized for its beauty and botanical interest.
- It is a safe, gated garden, with staff & volunteers on hand to help. Many adaptations have been made to make the space accessible to people living with physical, neurological, or social conditions which may prevent them from enjoying other spaces.

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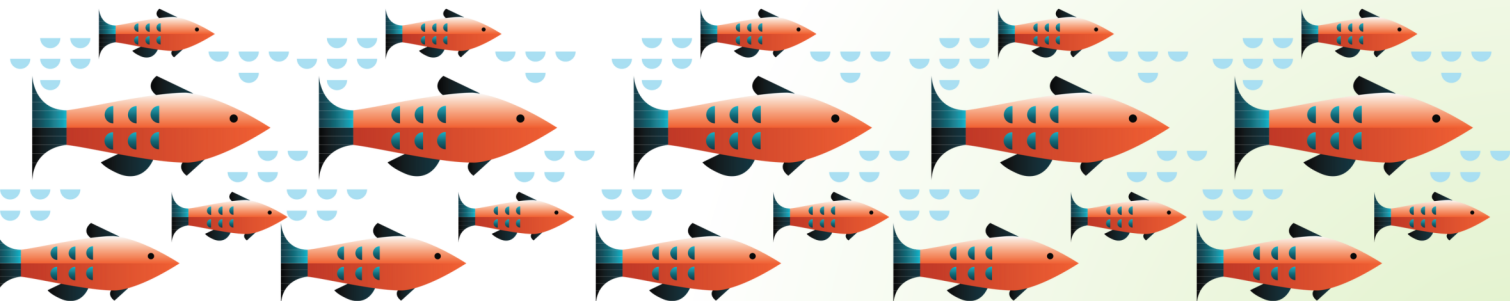


Partnership Agreement

- By participating in this program, you agree to two conditions:
 - To distribute these passes only for their intended use, and to provide feedback.
 - The passes are only intended to be used by people who, in the opinion of a Foundry service provider/staff member, would have their mental health improved by spending time in nature.
- Your staff are eligible for these passes if they are using them for therapeutic purposes, and we encourage you to join your clients as they visit the garden.
 - Staff may also redeem passes for their own mental health support, as we know the impact that your job can have on your own wellbeing.
- These passes may not, under any circumstances, be sold, donated, traded, or otherwise distributed for any reason other than those stated above.

Evaluation agreement

- Feedback on the effectiveness of this program will allow Van Dusen to continue funding it into the future, and to improve & expand upon it.
- Van Dusen will reach out to you approximately 9-12 months after your passes were issued.
 - Any feedback provided may be used publicly to promote this program. This may include reports, social media posts, newsletter articles, fundraising appeals, and more. In addition,
- FCO will reach out to your centre for stories/photos/ and youth feedback to compile and send to Van Dusen to highlight the impact of this opportunity and promote further partnership.



Frequently Asked Questions



Van Dusen Garden X Foundry Wellness Program

How can I access the membership and distribute to youth and staff?

- The passes you will receive include a unique code which can be redeemed for a one-year full membership to the Gardens. This must be redeemed by the date on the form and will grant membership for 12 months starting from the day that it is redeemed.
- To activate a membership:
 - Take a form into VanDusen Botanical Garden (located at 5151 Oak St, Vancouver).
 - Inside the main area of the main entrance building, head to the Discovery Room where a member of staff will issue a membership card.
- Once they have their membership card, they can freely enter VanDusen Botanical Garden or Bloedel Conservatory year-round and are entitled to all of the regular membership benefits.

What other benefits to membership are there?

- Beyond unlimited garden access, membership offers a wide range of benefits and discounts. See: vandusengarden.org/get-involved/membership

Are there therapeutic activities people can access at the garden?

- Van Dusen currently offers a limited number of classes & activities and are hoping to expand this based on your feedback. Most classes have a cost, but bursaries are available if the fees present a barrier.
- Learn more: <https://vandusengarden.org/learn/>



Can I run a therapeutic activity at the garden?

- Yes, and we would love to hear what your plans are!
- While large activities that take up sections of the garden may require prior agreement or the renting of a space, small group activities are welcome. We may be able to support such initiatives, and one day, perhaps may even be able to provide funding to facilitate them.