

# What our members say about us...

**Any innovative social network depends for its success on the active support and endorsement of its members.**

**When we asked our members to tell us about their views of what we provide, their response was overwhelming.**

**Here is just a small subset of what we were told.**

**Mark Shearer & Nick Gardner**

**Co-Founders**

**Project Dirt**

Project Dirt is most informative, most useful and helpful too. I use it for several projects I'm involved in and always recommend others head for it too.

*We're a green organisation and our budget for advertising is pretty much non-existent. Without being linked in to Project Dirt and its event pages, I think that we wouldn't have a response for our events, which form a significant part of our engagement programme.*

Project Dirt helped me find like-minded people in my very own street that I would otherwise never have connected with. Slowly but surely we are building our community spirit and doing some growing together, both literally and metaphorically.

*Project Dirt is a brilliant idea, and surely one that is of utmost importance in encouraging people to engage more and help ensure a smooth transition for us all into what is hopefully a more sustainable future.*

I'm blown away by how widespread Project Dirt seems to have grown, I hear so many people talking about it and depending on it. It does a great job at linking up people who are passionate about the environment so that they can work, collaborate, and grow far more efficiently. A really valuable resource to great grassroots projects - keep it up!

*Project Dirt has helped me acquire the skills i need for a greener, more sustainable future. And when i have my smallholding i will look back and know that Project Dirt has helped me get to where i want to be and put me in a position to encourage more people towards a more sustainable future*

If it didn't exist it should be made, it's unique and unmissable!

*Project Dirt draws together like minded people whose contributions at different levels stimulate a growing community.*

I love Project Dirt, and have really loved all of the many events I've been to as a result of my weekly emails - I've met some fantastic people. It's the best email I get all week.

*I feel any organisation that is set up to champion initiatives in the community should be given maximum support by government, local authority or other, as our nation is chronically backward in taking action on so many vital issues.*

Project Dirt is a really valuable resource for keeping people up-to-date on local issues and how they can be involved. It's much needed and is my first port of call when I want to find out what is happening locally. It would be great if Project Dirt could strengthen its work and encourage more people to participate e.g. in food growing, local conservation, community energy and many other environmental projects and concerns.

*Great idea, great website - fresh and fun design, encourages me to get involved*

I love PD because of how it inspires me about the great variety of ideas and energy out there, i can always find things that i can get involved in, and it's a great resource for advertising events and groups that I'm part of as well.

*I can thank Project Dirt for giving me the sense of a wider community of like-minded people, not just locally, but also beyond, and for making possible links between people and projects that I doubt would otherwise exist. I feel part of a community through Project Dirt, and part of something progressive and vital.*

Project Dirt is an excellent resource allowing those who want to make a positive ecological and social difference to do so easily while spreading the word beyond those actively seeking out projects. It's user-friendly, friendly, very accessible and I take my hat off to all those working so hard on it.

*Project Dirt fills a niche that no other information source does.*

The Onion Shed is now connected with over 60 local folk who care enough about our neighbourhood to take action. 18 months ago we had never met before and probably never would have. Project Dirt has bonded us making green actions much easier and quicker to achieve, as we inspire through sharing the journey.

*I found Project Dirt whilst searching for a particular project and was amazed to find so many other interesting things going on in my city. The weekly newsletter in particular, keeps everyone constantly up to date about events, courses, talks and new projects, which allows members to find other interesting events and connect to similar people nearby. The Project Dirt team are friendly, creative, innovative and wildly enthusiastic! They are energetic in their promotion of this online community, appearing at a lot of events themselves, and are leading the way in this field.*

A fantastic and informative website that offers encouragement to people who may only dream of being greener, helping people like me to be make that dream an actual reality. The newsletter is great, really useful and I've attended many events advertised here that I would not otherwise know about. This is a great project and long may it continue!

*Project Dirt is a fantastic resource to bring all of us environmental projects together- there is no other resource like it!*

I think this is a vital part of getting community working together... it's not always easy to do this; and where people are spread out, it needs something like project dirt to hold the links...

*Project Dirt is an invaluable website for people interested in becoming involved with events in their community and much more.*

Clean up your community with Project Dirt! I discovered lots of interesting and worthwhile groups on PD right here in my local area. Since then, I have met a lot of like-minded people and learnt new skills which have helped me get a job! It's not just who you know but what you know and what you have learnt! (... since using PD, I have gained lots of contacts, experience and confidence and worked with different practices and orgs)

*When we started our school garden project, Mark & Nick from Project Dirt came down to visit us, and were incredibly supportive offering help. Because of Project Dirt we managed to secure funding to get some planters built to double the size of our primary school garden. The project has been great for the children, as they get to see where their food comes from, but it has also been great for the school community, as whole families have got involved in the up keep of the garden.*

I love reading the other Project pages on Project Dirt, they are so inspiring, & I have taken my children to several events we have found out about through your website, which they have loved and learned a lot at.

*Project Dirt really fills an important gap in linking the growth of social media, community action, CSR and the sustainability agenda. A single networking site that provides advice on projects and funding, connects with the like minded and with further opportunities that doesn't just help increase the knowledge and action of individuals, but promotes better community links that would not have existed previously.*

*It's been great for those who don't have the time individually to set up or run a certain project, trial it or share that to make it work, and seek advice with ease. I wouldn't have found out about a whole load of groups in my local community or met the great people who are involved in these projects without PD. Superb stuff Mark, Nick and team!*

Project Dirt is great for keeping me informed on what I can do in my local area

*PD is an amazingly useful resource, bringing together projects and people to learn from each other and find out about opportunities and events to make London a greener place.*

Incredibly varied informative site which is fantastically useful and interesting.

*Project Dirt is a great way to keep in touch with the diverse and exciting projects going on around London.*

Project Dirt is an essential resource for community projects to collaborate and share ideas, as well as a source of free information and potential funding opportunities. Project Dirt helped us to get our community allotment project off the ground through sourcing some funding, so we are very grateful.

*Project Dirt is a valuable resource which has provided me with a number of useful contacts and event invitations from other environmental initiatives across London. As well as helping me to promote my own*

*work-related activities to develop environmental projects, it has facilitated access to interesting and informative events and groups which also play a role in my personal life and within my local community. I would recommend Project Dirt to anyone interested in sustainability and improving their local community, both on a personal level and for groups delivering environmental projects and events.*

We need more sites like this one, across the country. In our busy lives this is a great way to find out about local activities and like-minded groups. To share resources and ideas.

*I find Project Dirt a really excellent route for finding out what is happening locally on green issues and thus I can think globally and act locally! It also helps me feel less isolated (I work from home) and connects me to things I believe in and other people, great potential.*

Project Dirt is uniquely placed it is like the Facebook for growers – it's a tremendously valuable resource which has huge potential. The existing example shows how simple yet useful it can be - the really interesting thing is the next stage as it begins to gain a huge audience, the possibilities of providing the data for urban food production levels etc is both important and necessary and urgently needed, PD can do this - it is vitally important work and it is a wonderful idea.

*Project Dirt is a great example of the power of the people. The range of projects shows the passion and imagination of its members and the site enables people's green ideas come to fruition by acting as a platform to make links, learn and take action!*

Project Dirt has been a fantastic way for me to feel connected to other urban environmental projects all over the capital that I might not otherwise have heard about, as well as feel part of a vibrant and diverse community. I know that it is somewhere that I can go to ask random questions and get advice on a range of different issues.

*Dirty Dirt is a great way for the communities of London to network and pass on the positive news on interesting events within the capital.*

Project Dirt played a huge part in getting the volunteers we needed to get our disabled accessed solar building built. The volunteers were of different Nations and cultures. Friendships were made on this project that will last a life time. Church Youth groups and schools attended during the building project and they were made to consider the buildings of the future and how we can protect our planet. Thank you for all you have done!

*"I work for a big, national charity on a sustainable renovation and community engagement project. Sustainability is not my background nor my area of expertise, so finding and joining Project Dirt has enabled us to productively tap into the huge wealth of knowledge and interest that is out there.*

*Being able to link up with other relevant projects has been really valuable, and it's been such an advantage for us to be able to communicate with likeminded people. Project Dirt has helped us to welcome new visitors to the park by advertising what we do to different audiences which is incredibly important in helping us to meet our targets.*

*Project Dirt is a fantastic resource for the green community in London and Mark and Nick are such good ambassadors and are clearly very passionate about what they do. I think it's great that they make the effort to visit so many of the projects (including ours) and they are always willing to help even though I'm sure they're incredibly busy.*

*PD has a really admirable ideology and mission and deserves to be a huge success; not only because the agenda is so important to give people the knowledge and confidence to live greener; but also to recognise the drive, enthusiasm and dedication of the team behind it."*

Project Dirt has taken a dynamic role in providing a cyber network and market place for a wide range of organisations, events and individuals both in London and further afield.

*Project Dirt is a brilliant resource that is beneficial to my role as an Education Officer. I think it is vital in bringing together different people with a similar mindset. As a company, we have been able to use Project Dirt*

*to advertise volunteering opportunities and it has been an essential source in ensuring people are aware of what we do. I really value what Project Dirt do and look forward to their weekly updates with anticipation!*

Project Dirt is a unique website, which filled a gap existing in every culture. We should be proud of having it up and running and should fight for it. It makes people do better things.

*Project Dirt has started something great ... and it should be supported to help it grow and help build that community to be stronger and have greater impacts.*

Project Dirt provides a great resource for people with busy lives, but who would like to be involved in worthwhile, volunteering opportunities in their community.

*Project Dirt is the reference book of green projects we have all been waiting for.*

Project Dirt has found a powerful and meaningful way to help everyday people help make the world better. So we in turn should all help them do that.

*This networking has substantially helped to keep admirable projects functioning*

I work on community garden projects in London, and turn to Project Dirt numerous times a week for events, skill sharing forums for the gardeners and always encourage the people I work with to join and share their project knowledge. If I am looking for an event or piece of advice for me or a community gardener, Project Dirt is always my first port of call. Thank you!

*Project Dirt has provided a free platform for the London Orchard Project, a small charity, to advertise our community events and training days and recruit volunteers with great success.*

Project Dirt is an invaluable way of networking, finding out what's going on in the community and getting inspiration.

*Project Dirt is a unique resource by putting people in touch with each other on the ground. This is where it matters... There is nothing like it*

Project Dirt is brilliant for keeping you updated about events, initiatives and opportunities that you wouldn't hear about otherwise. I would definitely recommend it to anyone interested in green issues. It's a friendly and easy to use site.

*The Project Dirt team have been extremely helpful in developing and setting up our project pages. They are always willing to go the extra step and have come up with great ideas about new ways of using Project Dirt to extend the reach of our project.*

Project Dirt is a great resource both for work and my personal interest. Having all these like-minded people in one place is so important. The PD team are also hugely supportive of the people and projects on the site, allowing us to interact and make useful connections.

*The Team behind PD are incredibly dedicated to what they do and the people that get involved. They are also super efficient.*

Project Dirt is a great on-line community [and] a fantastic place to get involved and find out what is taking place in our local community. Without it I would not have found the opportunities I have established nor the events taking place.

*Project Dirt empowers people and their projects and taps in to the need for people to connect and be supported in their ideas. It energises us and creates opportunities that we couldn't have foreseen - making what we do more successful and better.*

Project Dirt has helped me make crucial contacts for the projects I'm involved in. It's a really useful site with loads of interesting, skilled people. It has the potential to better coordinate and support upcoming initiatives across the country.

*Project Dirt is an extraordinary resource and it provided me with endless possibilities for researching Urban green spaces for my photography project and also gave me ideas of how I could be greener myself.*

Project Dirt is a brilliant site, I find it incredibly useful. It brings us together on one site to share ideas and make projects happen. It is also a great one-stop-shop to send people who are just beginning to have an interest in green issues but have no idea of the wide range of activities available to them. Project Dirt helps people find out what is out there, get involved and start their own projects.

*Frequently updated and very useful - a great source for green and social projects going on in communities all over the country!*

As a sustainability co-coordinator in secondary education I feel their approach and effectiveness is infectious and enabling especially empowering for individuals and communities who just want to get on with doing what they know and feel is right. There are a lot of fine NGO's out there who do good stuff. At the moment this is the organisation most likely to hit the accelerator button towards a sustainable future and a good bet for a punt.

*The one and only comprehensive networking site for people looking for local green projects and training!!*

Through Project Dirt I get to find out about and participate in lots of really interesting local projects, workshops and events that I wouldn't have known about otherwise.

*Project Dirt has been THE central pillar of my successful expansion from a small balcony/patio growing scheme in my first season to a dozen projects located in 3 North London Boroughs and a two acre site in Tonbridge Kent which is in the planning phase. With PD's help and ENCOURAGEMENT I've gone from introducing a couple of dozen people to the delights and benefits of fruit and veg growing in my first season to turning on hundreds and hundreds after three years on PD. It is a privilege to have had the support of PD both on a personal and on an electronic level.*

Project Dirt is a brilliant way to promote your projects, encourage volunteers to take part and more importantly receive helpful feedback on ways to improve your project further.