

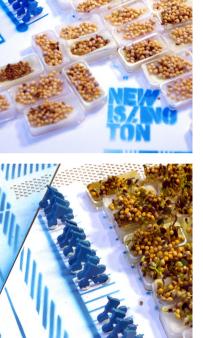
The site is used as a test bed for bottom-up community enterprise, facilitating collaboration between local school groups, sustainability activists and young people from surrounding residential areas.

An evolving infrastructure of landscaping, staging and temporary built structures enables a layering of programme throughout the year, bringing together disparate groups who work towards mutual social and economic benefits.

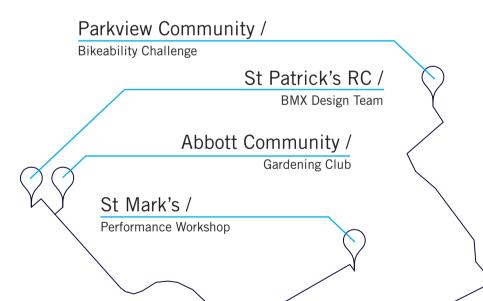
The 13th month is marked with an audit of the year's activity, evaluating the project's 'triple-bottom-line'; its financial, social and environmental successes.







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A core group of community members from surrounding neighbourhoods form a co-op,

each investing a small amount of initial capital

to establish a Bikeability training course,

which can be hired by local instructors and school groups,

creating income for the next stage of site landscaping,

which involves building an edible meadow from box planters,

to be tended by groups from local schools,

who then help to design and build a BMX track attracting a mix of regular user groups,

which helps to create a wide audience for the summer season,

when young carpentry apprentices transform the site,

providing space to host a summer festival

where urban sports and music events are brought together in temporary pavillions,

which can then be hired out to other sites around New Islington

to raise money to fund the next stage of growth,

whilst the central area becomes a giant picnic site for a month

until the schools start back

- which is marked by a series of free Bike to School courses funded by summer profits,

bringing us up to the harvesting season for leeks, potatoes and cauliflowers,

to be sorted and prepared for a series of urban farmers markets,

making use of the pavillions,

which are now brought back on site to provide shelter from the cold,

and to create a venue for the end of year sale when the 'Grow your own veg boxes' are auctioned off for charity,



ready for the

thirteenth month,

when the original investment is distributed amongst the original community co-op with interest in the form of

good memories seasonal vegetables discounted cycle training / accessories / maintenance

and maybe even a cut-price pavillion for using as a summer house?

