

Enterprises

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Purpose

To provide information about the establishment and running of Northey Street City Farm enterprises, along the lines of our policy of "sharing the surplus".

Enterprises are groups that generate an income for The Farm.

Policy

1. An enterprise can be developed by an individual or group, as long as all participants are paid members of The Farm.
2. An enterprise should be able to support paid workers and create surplus cash flow for the Whole of Farm Budget, to enable other Farm projects and services to run.
3. The Farm encourages the development of new ideas that help The Farm achieve its vision, provide goods or services, and create paid work for members.
4. All Enterprises become a part of "Team Sunday", which provides support, promotion and advice through their monthly meetings and networking.
5. There is an ongoing opportunity for new enterprises to develop at The Farm, provided that they are consistent overall with The Farm's visions, goals and permaculture principles, and make a contribution to The Farm. In keeping with permaculture principles, enterprises share their surpluses by contributing to the Whole of Farm Budget, as negotiated through the annual budget process.

Procedures

1. People with new enterprise ideas should approach The Farm through the appropriate team, with either a business plan or an outline for input before development. A business plan is to include outcomes, timelines and a budget, with proposed allocations for wages, materials, equipment replacement, promotion and surplus to The Farm. The new enterprise is then referred to the next Farm planning event or Team Reps meeting.
2. Enterprises communicate with the rest of The Farm primarily through "Team Sunday", which provides their main support, and then through the Team Reps meetings. They can also work with the Finance Committee, as negotiated, in establishing budgets and plans.

