



Nature Discovery Garden



The Project

Researchers from the Department of Planning and Environmental Management in the School of Environment, Education and Development are working with Estates and the Manchester Museum to develop a nature discovery garden. The project aims to revitalise the former Geology garden, an underused but very public space, into an attractive, multi-functional garden. Designed to provide a haven for urban wildlife, the garden will also provide green space on campus and act as a teaching platform, an additional educational site for the museum.



Current site with former Geology garden



Garden Design. (Michael Martin & Anna Gilchrist)

Outcomes and implications

In a first step, the team held a competition for students from Environmental Planning to design a Masterplan for the garden. Judged by experts from the museum and Estates, the winning design was then used as the basis to identify and plan required capital works. The next phase will now see the practical redevelopment of the site, which will include public events to prepare some of the wildlife features such as bug hotels and bird nesting boxes.

Once in action, the garden will function as a further outdoor extension to the Museum's Living Worlds gallery (alongside the Museum allotment). It is also envisaged to include measuring equipment to facilitate hands-on teaching for a various sustainability courses.

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