

Preguntas trabajo de Inglés

¿Cómo nació la idea de crear o participar en una huerta urbana o comunitaria?

First of all, it seems crucial to introduce ourselves, our group is called EcoRedes de Saberes, we are part of the program PGP (Programa de Gestión de Proyectos) financially supported by Universidad Nacional de Colombia. We as a group started this idea because we wanted to join different groups that work in El Alto Fucha in San Cristobal. One of the groups there is an Urban Garden called “Huerta La Ilusión”, this place is mainly maintained by Doña Adriana, who already knew one of the group people and was pleased to start working with us. Basically, her acceptance and also our idea to start working somewhere else outside the academic place gave us the opportunity to join her with labor at the garden. This was the beginning for us because she's been there for more than 10 years, not only taking care of the plants but also, giving people her knowledge and doing different activities to raise awareness about nature and the different problems that surround El Alto Fucha.

¿Quiénes participan en la huerta y cómo se organizan las tareas?

At the moment we are 5 people in the group, we come from different academic programs but mostly Sociology. When we are at the garden we try to take places into the different activities that are there to do. For example, some of us harvest the vegetables that are ready, then some others take care of the undergrowth, and the rest try to fix what's there to mend. This could take some hours or even the whole day. What's really nice about this is that some of the things that we harvest we use to then make lunch together, or what Doña Adriana does is that she gives it to her neighbours, family or friends.

¿Han incorporado saberes ancestrales o populares en el proceso?

Absolutely, Doña Adriana is a very smart person who comes from a rural background, so when we are doing garden labor she often explains to us what plants are good for certain sickness, for example!! And not only that, she also prepares her own “merjurjes” and sells them to maintain the garden. She certainly loves to share her knowledge not only with us but with the people.

¿Qué planes tienen para el futuro de la huerta?

At the moment, one of doña Adriana's wishes is to let people know that the garden exists, she wants to “take it outside” of San Cristóbal and bring new people to acknowledge the importance of nature and how to take care of it. She loves animals, plants, water and how couldn't she !! When we are there we can even feel and listen to the river running downhill and it feels so relaxing and even healing. I can understand her when she says that she feels a great connection with everything.... So I think for the future sharing her experience as well as what the garden provides is one of the main goals, as she says “I don't want to let this die”.



Menjurjes prepared by Doña adriiana.