

Sligo Children's Community Garden

– The Sharing of Story and Tale

IRELAND

INTERGENERATIONAL

CULTURAL HERITAGE

NATURE

PROBLEM

The garden was founded by four local mums in response to the events of 2020. Sligo Children's Community Garden is a place where children and families can play, learn, and grow. They started an intergenerational project called The Sharing of Story and Tale. Some of the children don't have grandparents living near so this gives them that connection through storytime.

ACTION

The mums set up the garden as a non-profit and it's supported through family memberships of 15 a year. The Sharing of Story and Tale involves members of the older community calling in to share stories from the town's past and their experiences during youth. They roast marshmallows and sit around a fire sharing stories.

RESULT

Overall, the children connect with an older age group and learn about respect. It's also a great space for everyone's well-being. New friendships are formed through intergenerational interactions. It has become a great outdoor space for the community to connect. In the future, they'll like to add a sensory garden.

