

## Down to Earth Planning Director, Jenny Grimmert, supports the Children's Garden because...

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The Children's Garden is an inspirational venue for children and families to get together in the fresh air, learn about sustainability, growing plants and their uses, and share ideas and knowledge - all while having fun. It triggers happy memories of gardening lessons with my parents. The satisfaction of harvesting and cooking home-grown produce. Savouring the one strawberry that survived the weather. Raising Monarch butterflies on swan plants. Plants gifted, or grown from shared seeds or bulbs are reminders of far away friends and family. My runner bean vines originate from a bag of seeds sent to me by my father with the scribbled note "*I got these beans from a chap called Jack, he said be careful when you plant them ...*". I have recently learned the secret of sprouting kowhai tree seeds. In supporting the Children's Garden concept I hope that more children can experience that special garden magic that I was taught and still enjoy learning and practising.

[Down to Earth Planning](#) is a resource management and planning consultancy, based in Lower Hutt. The company offers a professional "One Stop Shop" service, providing advice and assistance for a wide range of land development projects throughout New Zealand. For more information, contact Director/Owner Jenny Grimmert by email [jenny.k.grimmert@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.k.grimmert@gmail.com) or telephone 029-200-3057.

