



## PEN PICTURE TEMPLATE

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| <b>Name of consortium:</b> | <u>Green Shoots</u>                                   |                   |  |

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| <b>Background</b> | <p>Please tell us why your proposed consortium came together and when you plan to be operational:</p> <p>We came together as all the partners had a shared interest in furthering work in the area of conservation and food production. Links had already been established with probation by several of the volunteer sector organisations, Community Payback, and so the consortium came together to explore ways of linking the land based work with probation activity. The partners discovered a commonality in approach and working and made the decision that the best vehicle to further this activity would be to set up a new, joint organisation.</p>   |
| <b>Objective</b>  | <p>What does your consortium aim to achieve and deliver when it is operational?</p> <p>Our consortium has a number of aims but in the short term our primary aim will be to set up a Community Interest Company that can be used a vehicle to take forward an expansion of our Green Shoots model. Green Shoots will attempt to set up a commercially viable model that provide vocational training and (self) employment opportunities for offenders within a protected workplace setting. We hope to form a sustainable working model that can then be extended to other geographical areas through a franchise model.</p> <p>What stakeholder groups will benefit from your consortium's offer?</p> <p>Primarily offenders but other disadvantaged groups will also benefit e.g. drug and alcohol misusers</p> |
| <b>Partners</b>   | <p>What areas do your consortium partners cover?</p> <p>Currently our consortium covers three distinct sites within the city of Bristol. However it is possible that the expansion of the project will be reflected in an expansion of the members as Green Shoots develops further.</p>  |
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