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SLESSOR GARDENS GROWING INFLUENCE

AS PLANTING of one of the city's newest green spaces continues apace a group of local volunteers have been putting their backs into it.

Dundee Urban Orchard (DUO) volunteers have been working alongside Dundee City Council to plant an edible themed plot at Slessor Gardens in the city's central waterfront.

Designed to replicate the formal avenues of planting typically found in orchards it will have six Scottish heritage apple trees, eight varieties of herbs and a number of different types of soft fruits.

All of the plants and labour is being provided by Dundee Urban Orchard.

The garden is themed to reflect the Dundee region's importance in food production through the farmland of Angus and the berry growing in the Carse of Gowrie.

DUO, a public art project which reimagines Dundee as an orchard city, is looking to boost sustainable development and demonstrate that edible planting can be functional and attractive.

The group has already worked with 24 community bodies and cultural organisations to plant and care for orchards across the city.

The urban orchard is one of nine themed plots at Slessor Gardens each measuring 100 square metres and reflecting key aspects of the city, its global and local connections. Each is due to be planted by early July.

NOTE TO NEWS EDITORS: You are invited to send a photographer and/or reporter to see Dundee Urban Orchard volunteers planting the garden on Monday June 27 from 6:30pm to 8pm.

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