

Hawai'i Food Gardens Network

Convening #8, October 11th 2024



Ka na'auao o nā kūpuna ka lama e
ho'omālamalama i ke ala no nā keiki.

The wisdom of the elders is the torch that enlightens the
path of the children.

Ōlelo Nō'eau

Agenda

Introductions and Welcome Circle (~5 min)

HFGN and Hui Māla 'Ai merge (~5 min)

Presentation: The Kūpuna Collective (~20 min)

Recap of last month's convening at Ka Papa Lo'i O Kānewai (~20 min)

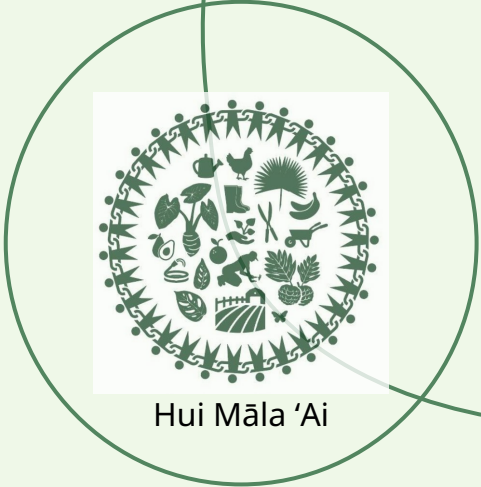
Discussion (~30 min)

Closing (~10 min)

Welcome circle

- Change zoom name, org, pronouns
- In chat:
 - Imagine a world three years from now that embodies the goals and vision of this network - what would a newspaper headline say on this day in 2027?





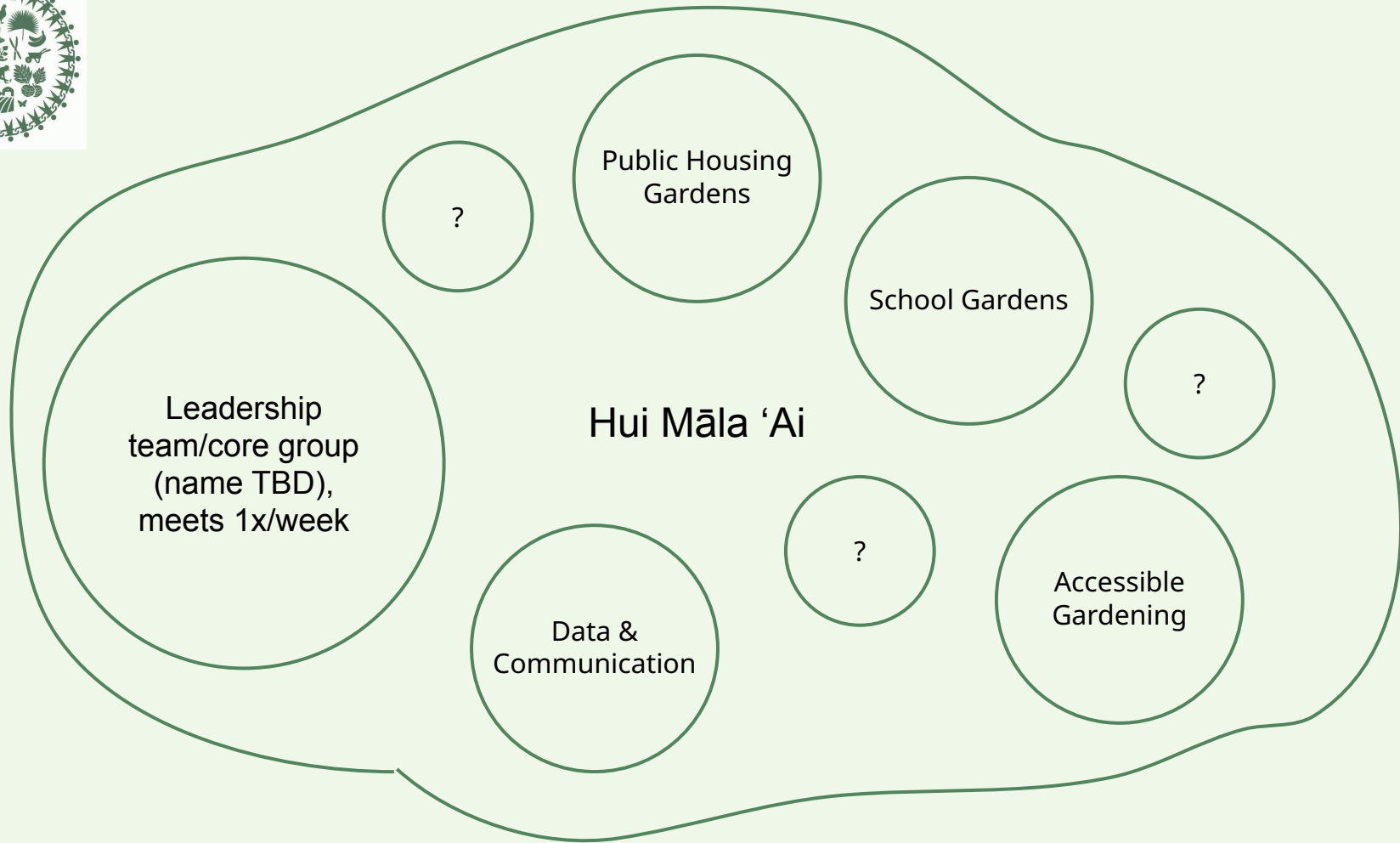
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Hui Māla ‘Ai

Connecting Hawai‘i’s Food Gardens

Food gardens working definition

Hui Māla 'Ai connects people across the Hawaiian islands who are interested in creating, promoting, supporting, or otherwise learning about increasing equitable access to local food, sustainability, healthy lifestyles, and community building through the art of gardening food. *Food gardens*, as defined by the members of this hui, can take many forms, including:

- Community gardens
- Small-scale farms
- Home gardens
- Gardens that grow medicinal plants
- Food planting projects on public or private land, both formal and guerilla
- Educational or demonstration gardens
- School gardens
- Food forests and forest gardens

Presentation: The Kūpuna Collective

Lindsey Ilagan

<https://www.hiphi.org/kupuna/>

The Kūpuna Collective aims to:

- ✓ Encourage innovation by magnifying community-level knowledge and expertise;
- ✓ Build partnerships and foster cross-sector collaboration;
- ✓ Leverage funds to scale innovation;
- ✓ Provide technical assistance and backbone infrastructure, including applying for and managing grants, fiscal management, and administrative support;
- ✓ Gather data to demonstrate collective impact;
- ✓ Amplify the voice of kūpuna and highlight critical aging issues; and
- ✓ Build sustainable change that lasts.

Join Here

Kūpuna Collective



KUPUNA COLLECTIVE

Number of Organizations

206

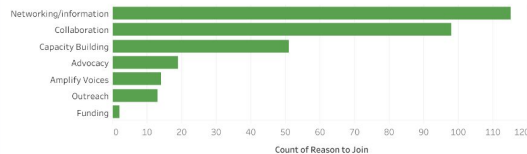
Number of Members

358

Type of Organization



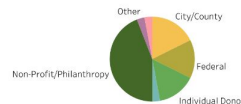
Reason to Join KC



Amount of Funding Raised

\$8,704,148

Source of Funding



Members' Locations



Convening #7 Recap



Ka Papa Lo'i O Kānewai

Core Components of Collective Impact

1. **Common Agenda** - All participants have a shared vision for change, including a **common understanding of the problem** and a joint approach to solving it through agreed upon actions.
2. **Backbone Infrastructure** - Dedicated staff and strong leaders who possess specific skills to serve as the backbone for the entire initiative and coordinate participating organizations and agencies
3. **Mutually Reinforcing Activities** - The extent to which, and in what ways, are partners' activities differentiated, while still coordinated through a mutually reinforcing plan of action?
4. **Shared Measurement System (SMS)** - Collecting data and measuring results consistently across all participants to ensure that efforts remain aligned and participants hold each other accountable.
5. **Continuous Communication** - Consistent and open communication is needed across the many players and among external stakeholders to build trust, assure mutual objectives, and create common motivation.

Group 1 (Rufino, Dana, Anya, Heejung, Kyrsten)

Challenges & Barriers to Increasing Access to Food Gardens

- resources
 - database / information
 - waiting list
 - limited
 - network / relationships
 - high learning curve / mitigation & implementation
 - soil quality
 - water quality / source
 - climate zones
 - pests
 - time / capacity for engagement
 - leadership
 - paid not just volunteers
 - succession plan
 - safety / security
 - respect for space / lack of pilina / kuleana / aloha
 - vandalism
 - trespassing
 - loitering
 - culture / language
 - all indigenous
 - on a human level plan forward
- Handwritten notes and diagrams:*
- \$ *overarching absence of indigenous practices/knowledge in entire food system
 - ITEK: Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge
 - move karaka
 - Diagram: A double-headed arrow connects "resources" and "high learning curve / mitigation & implementation".
 - Diagram: A bracket groups "soil quality", "water quality / source", "climate zones", and "pests" under the heading "ITEK: Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge".

Solutions

- * build pilina (relationship/woven) *
 - transparency / share resources (data)
 - trust → partner / commit
 - (time / prioritize w/ balance & respect
 - show up / consistent / honest / realistic
 - "big picture" mindset
 - resources
 - funding
 - collaborative efforts / invest
 - public / private partnerships
 - policy
 - ITEK
 - creating common language & foundation
 - public initiatives / collective goals
 - "30 by 30"
 - CNHA 500 bundles/month w/in 1 year
 - training / education at all levels of the food system
 - producer
 - consumer / buyers
 - farmer
 - nutritionists
 - chefs
- Handwritten notes:*
- "Kakou Thing"

Group 2 (Jason, Cyrus, Shannon, Jesse)

Challenges

- theft @ Makiki community garden (food, tools)
balancing access w/ security
houseless nearby - showering, etc.
- ↑ ^{access +} relationships w/ Early Child Education providers
 - buses are expensive ^{lots of} _{places} - ECE includes wide range of contents
 - not ECE friendly (0-5 yrs) - difficulty of partnering w/ DOE or others
- Lack of mulch @ community gardens b/c of CRB
- can't do food waste compost @ com gardens
b/c rats. Permits required?
maybe not?
- lack of space/land
- cultural barrier in DPR - resistance to planting projects in parks
- ensuring right people in place to ensure long-term sustainability. small projects especially require dedicated people
- creating welcoming env. @ more public gardens

- owners of land (state, city, etc) not allowing access
- ↑ control of common spaces
- difficulty of ^{getting w/} democracy

- involvement of facilities/custodial workers varies
(e.g. at schools, etc)

- DOE - huge opportunity re: compost, food waste
but no systemic effort for compost + mulch

- economics of hauling contracts

- different challenges for diff situations
individuals - com gardens
collective - Ho. U. in m.

Solutions

- community gardens - think of houseless as a resource - build relationships
- create a culture of sharing that values abundance. Abundance mindset
 - support services for houseless - access to green space
→ aina is part of mental health healing
com. gardens for m. health
- social infrastructure for long-term sustainability
- building programming around the garden (e.g. ECE, students, tutoring, etc)
 - incorporate it into workforce development
 - gov't decision-makers disconnected. seeing admin out in gardens more participate in meetings held outside in gardens. provides inspiration.
 - incentivizing the incorporation of gardens into programming through contracts
 - encourage more guerrilla gardening. just do it!

Group 3 (Alex, Kate, Leigh Ann, Ram)

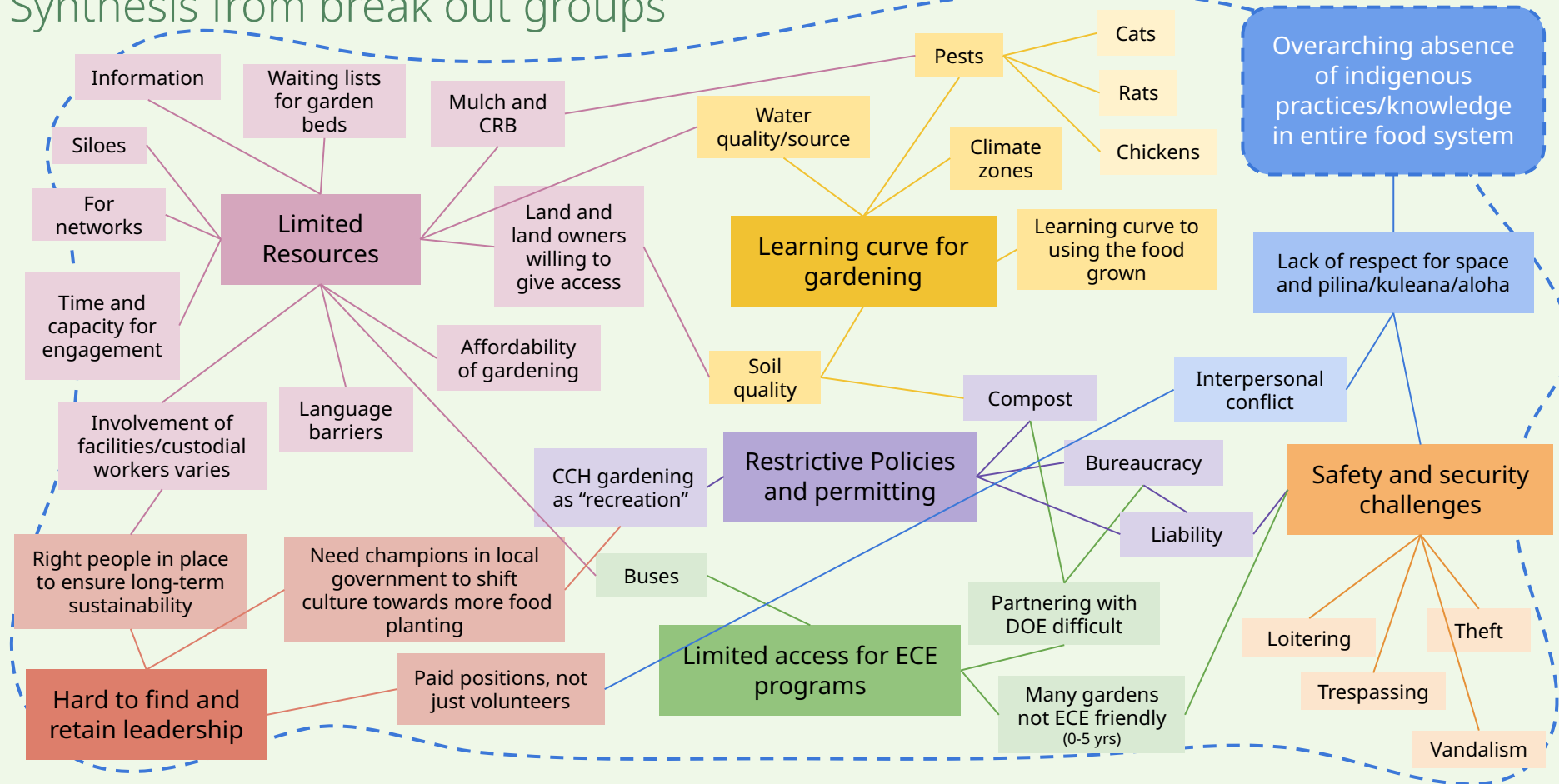
Challenges/Barriers

- Access to growing space
- Knowing how to use food
- Capacity in staff (comm. gardens)
- Siloed efforts amongst stakeholders
- Challenging rules for city land
 - To use it
 - To grow food on it
- Defining terms (ie, "community", "communal", garden)
- Management of gardens/trees
- Vandalism (public housing)
- Sustainability of champions
- Pests (rats, chickens, cats)
- * ◦ Affordability of gardening
- * ◦ CCH gardens as "recreation"

Solutions

- Data to justify increased staffing
- flexibility in grants/funding
- Incentives for succession planning/SOPs
- Relationship building → connecting resources
- * ◦ Automating Procedures/apps/CRMs
- Working across groups/cities/orgs
- educational programs (ie Nutrition)
- food gardens as a public health intervention
- Sharing of similar mission org resources
- * ◦ Community garden networking for resources

Synthesis from break out groups



Overarching absence of indigenous practices/knowledge in entire food system

Restrictive Policies
and permitting

Limited
Resources

Hard to find and
retain leadership

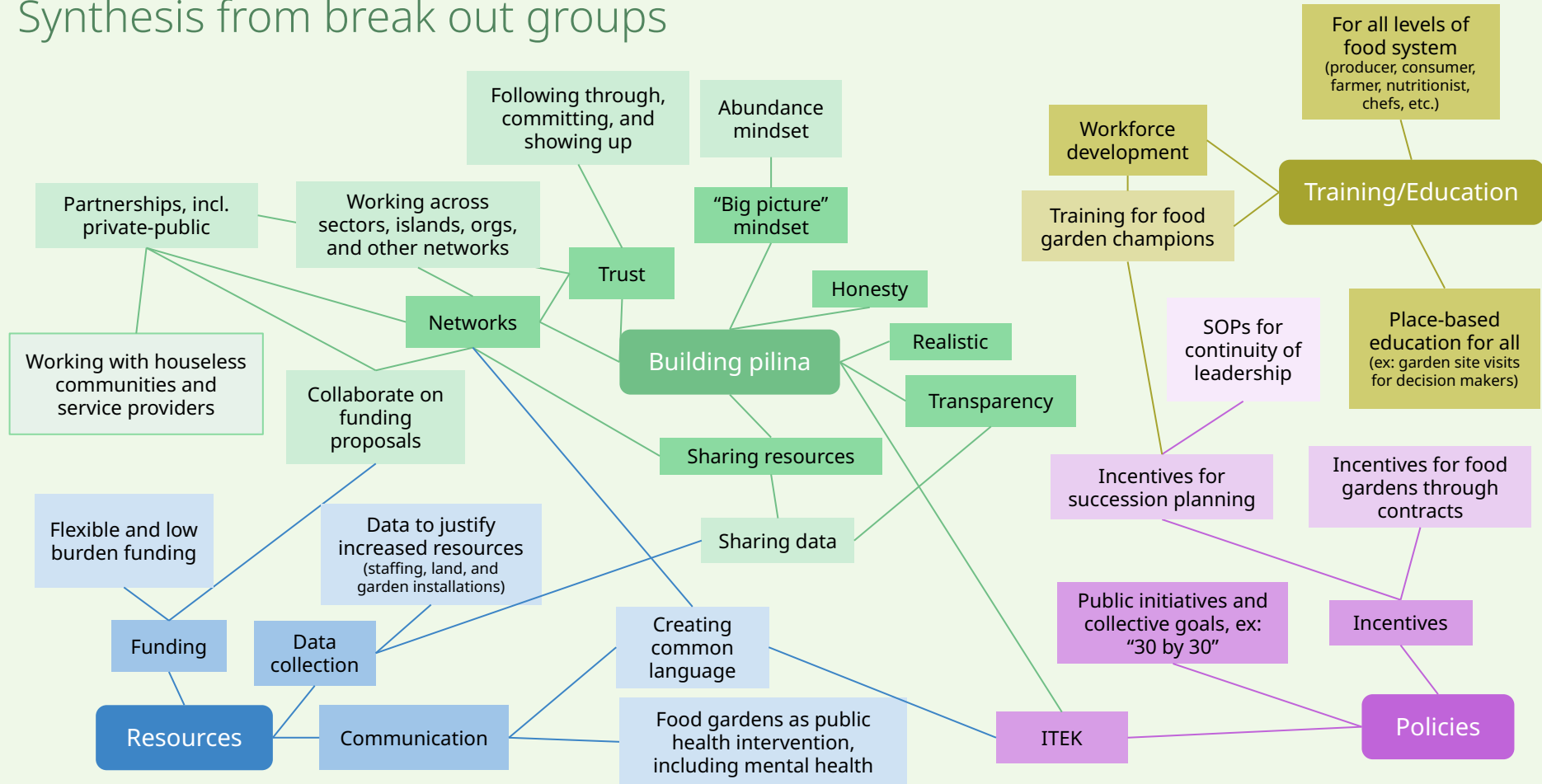
Safety and security
challenges

Learning curve for
gardening

Limited access for ECE
programs

Solutions to these challenges and barriers

Synthesis from break out groups



Brainstorming actions that the network can specifically do

Resources

Resource folder

Email listserv for sharing resources and opportunities

Guide to creating community gardens

Website (work with Virgil)

Funding

Volunteer power

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Building pilina

Monthly zoom calls, quarterly in person events

Mapping project

Public email list

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Training/Education

Ongoing presentations from relevant orgs in monthly zoom calls

Provide technical assistance to new food planting projects

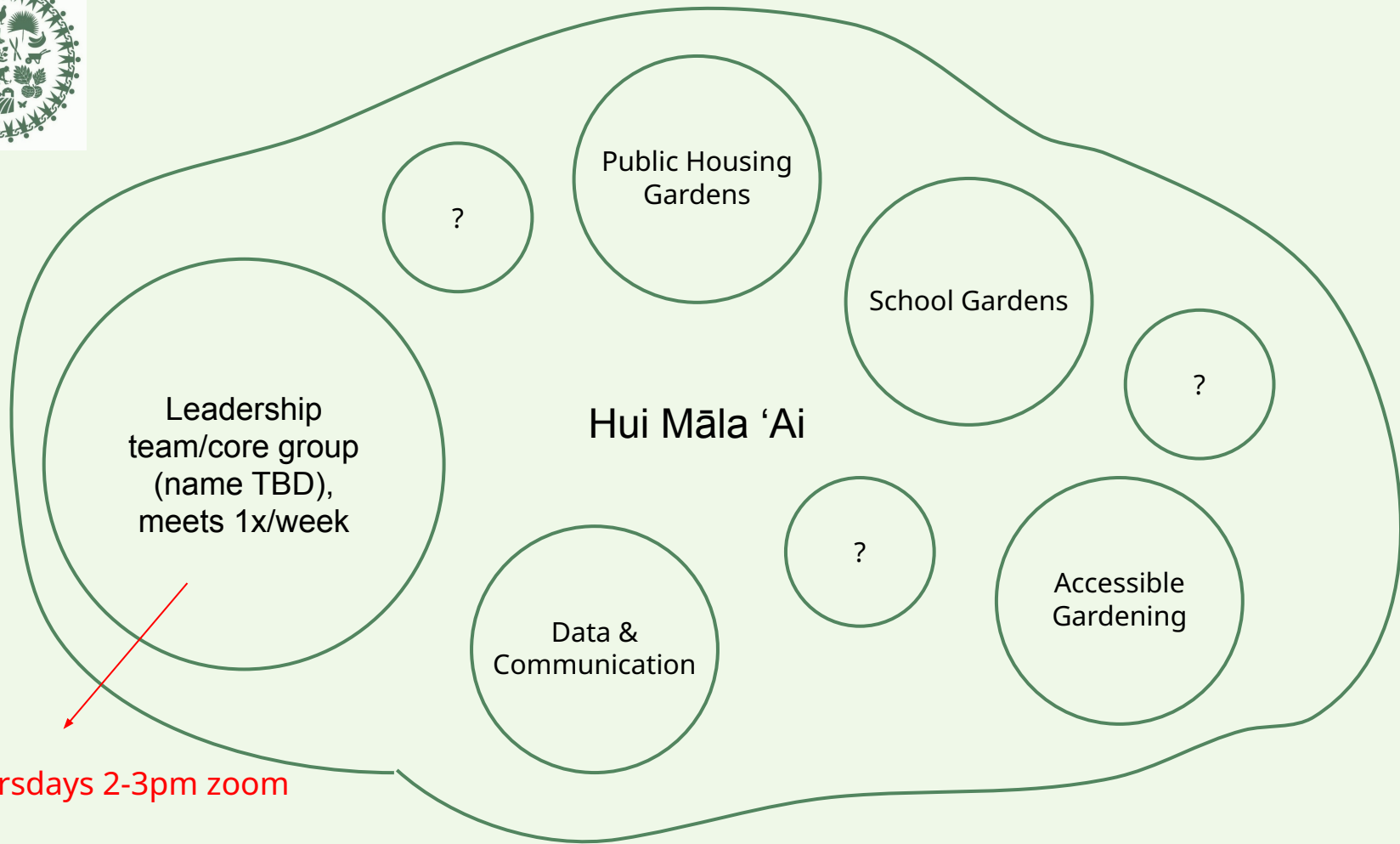
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Policies

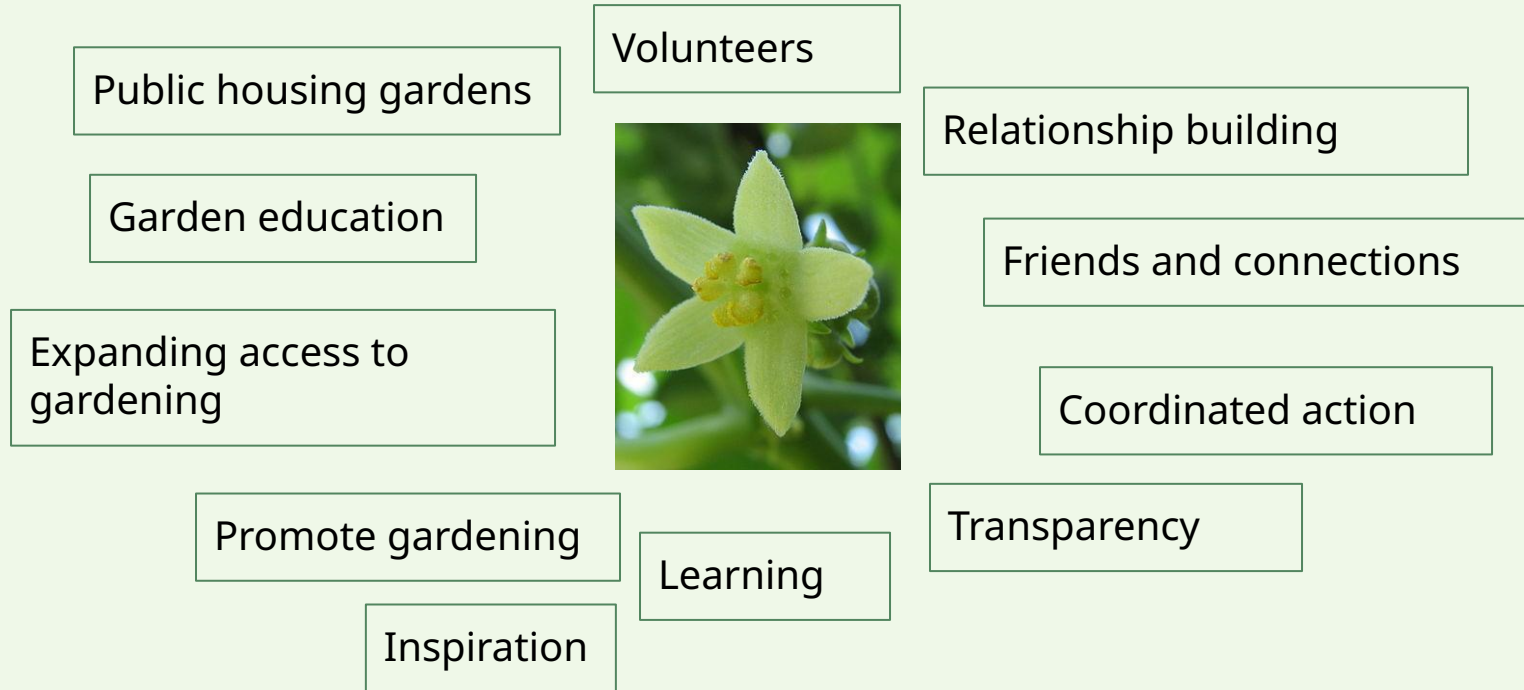
Mapping policy landscape for urban agriculture to understand the gaps

Advocacy support when needs arise

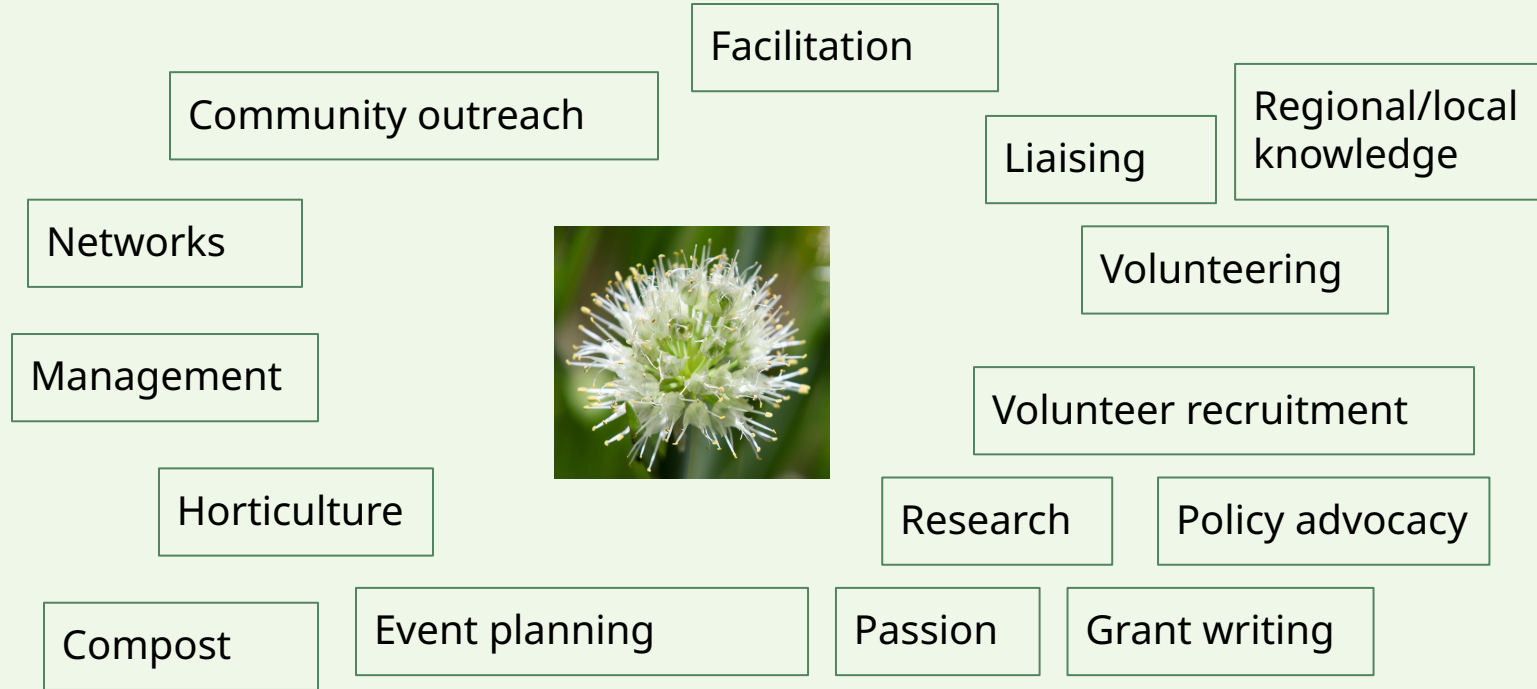
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Survey results - *What do you hope to gain from participating in the network, or how would you like the network to support you?*

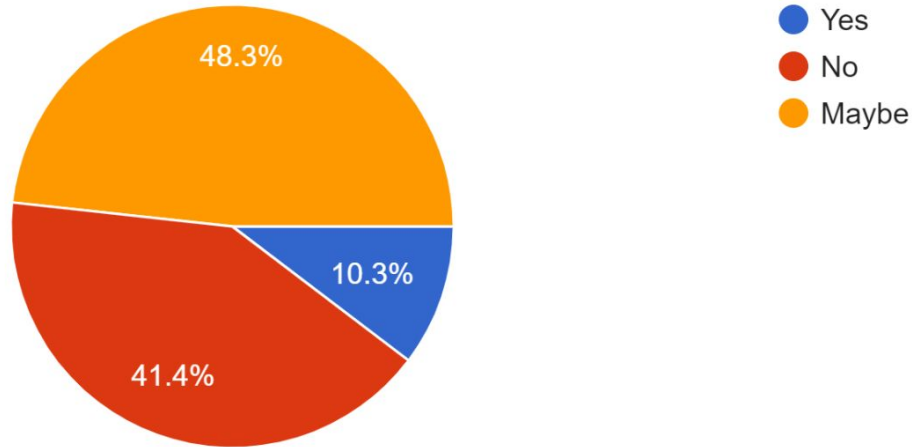


Survey results - *Do you have any specific skills, expertise or other offerings that you believe could contribute to the network?*

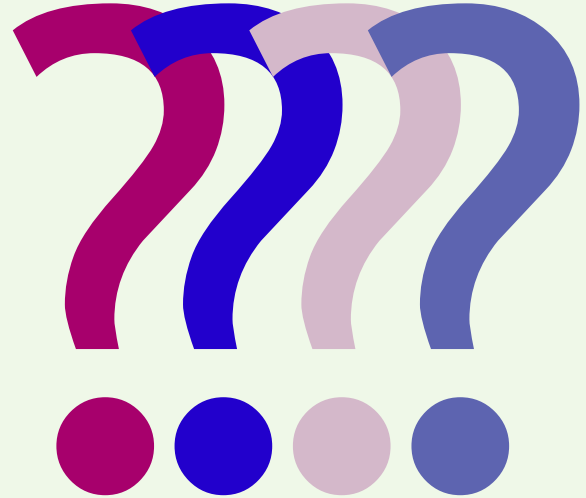


Are you interested in taking a leadership role within the early stages of the Hawaii Food Gardens Network?

29 responses



1. Are there items already named here that you want to support?
2. Are there items already named here that you have questions or concerns about?
3. Are there items that you want to add to this list?



Discussion & Share back



Closing & Baseline Survey

For new participants:

<https://forms.gle/KHE1TLUzGwRcusDp7>

Follow up **ACTION** survey coming soon

Resources:

- The Kūpuna Collective [website](#)
- HFGN [Google folder](#)
- Working group [spreadsheet](#)

Next convening:

November 15th, **1:30pm** zoom



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Saturday, October 12

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Date and time



Saturday, October 12 · 9 - 11:30am HST

Location



Urban Garden Center

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Kroc Community Garden Coordinator

Job Category: Ministries & Related Programs/Youth Programs

Requisition Number: KROCC016756

Posted: August 1, 2024

Part-Time

On-site

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Job Details

Description

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