

Riley Park Community Garden

Our Response to Covid 19



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Increase in senior participation

Increase in workshop / education participation

Doubled our Total participation from 2020 to 2021

2020-2021:



In 2020, we had 320 participants in our seniors programs. In 2021, we had 486 participants.



In 2020, we had 1,108 participants in our workshop and education programs. In 2021 we had 2,177.



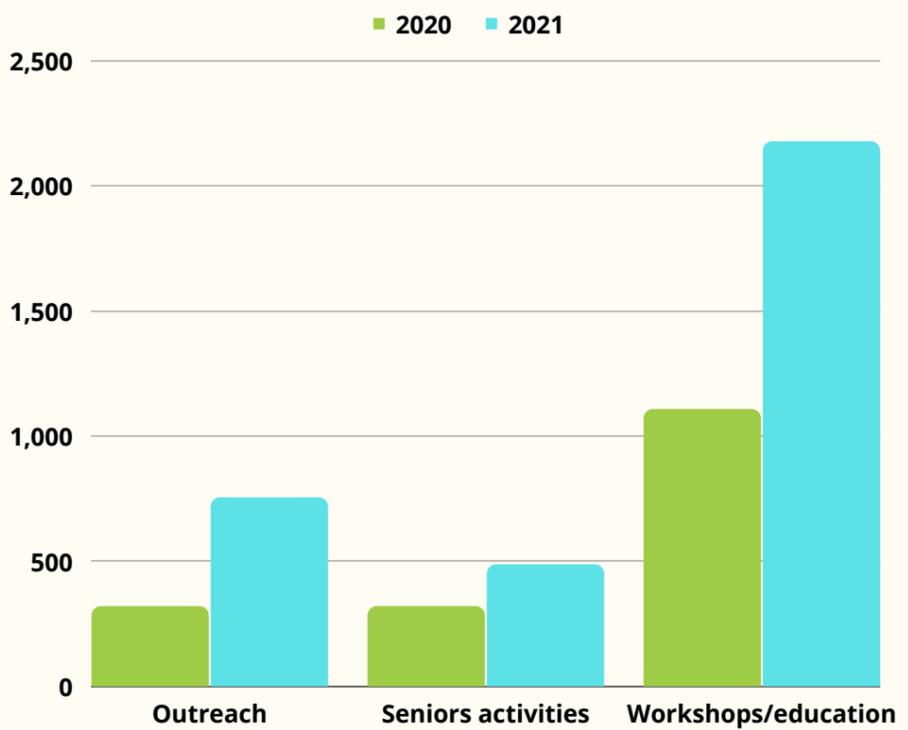
We more than doubled our total participant numbers from 2020 to 2021.

Reconnecting with our community

In total, we held 458 sessions in 2021, a total of 1,581 program hours!

This is up from 223 sessions and 495 program hours in 2020.

Riley Park Number of Participants

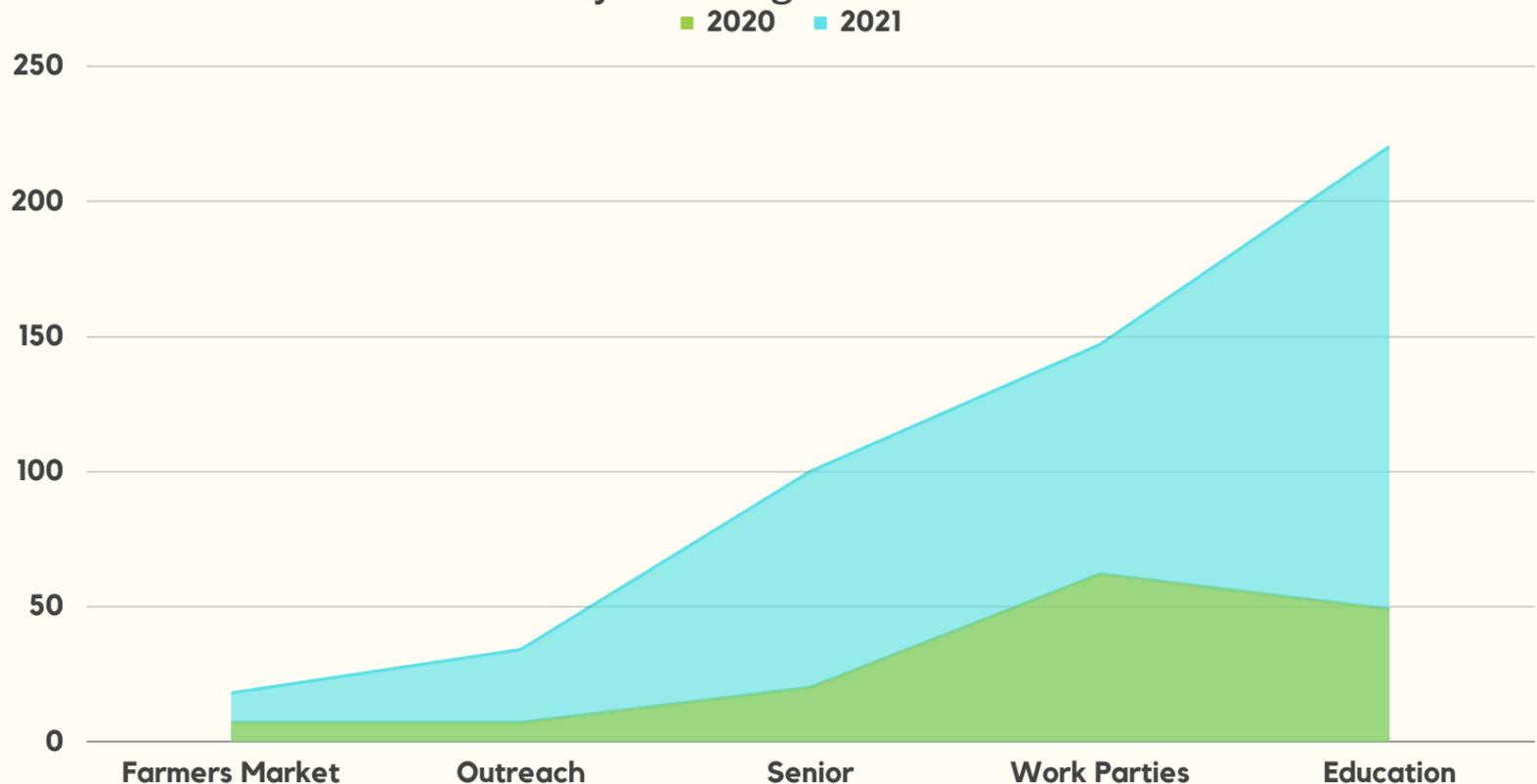


In 2021, we harvested 355 kilos of produce for our volunteers, to support our food literacy programs and for our Little Mountain Neighbourhood House food programs.

The garden is a community space. We offered numerous events with no waitlists - from ecoliteracy lessons to dancing and everything in between!

In 2020 and 2021, our garden was declared an essential service, to improve food security, ecological sustainability and community development.

Riley Park Program Sessions



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Impact Report 2020-21:

Building our community during Covid-19

2020 and 2021 were challenging years for many, putting added pressure on families and households across B.C. who struggle to access quality, healthy and affordable food. In 2020 and 2021, Riley Park Community Garden was designated an essential service to improve food security, ecological sustainability and community development. We used this as a welcome opportunity to address the needs of our community, to strengthen our existing connections and to create new connections.



We successfully addressed food security and increased community involvement from 2020-21, bringing our community members closer through education and events including:

Work Parties:

We offered bi-weekly small group gardening sessions led by Master Gardeners. The garden has a communal model of gardening; which means we share the work and share the harvest. There are no waitlists - just a willingness to show up and join in the fun of growing your own food! In 2021, we harvested 355 kilos of produce for our volunteers, to support our food literacy programs and to share with the Little Mountain Neighbourhood House food programs.

Education:

We hosted the LMNH Early Years program, the South Van Learning Centre students, the LMNH and Hillcrest Spring and Summer campers and Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC) delivered ecoliteracy lessons with the Brock Elementary School students.

Outreach:

The garden is an inclusive gathering place. We hosted a diverse range of events for many different audiences, including: LMNH Seniors Line dancing and Pole-Walking, Seniors in the Park, Mid-Autumn Festival, the Vancouver Israeli Dance Society, parenting workshops, summer music in the park, and our Queen Bee event.

Lunches and snacks:

We provided individual prepared lunches and snacks for gardeners; and lunches for the Seniors in the Park, Mid Autumn Festival and Queen Bee events.

Workshops:

We offered seasonal planting workshops, growing great garlic and our cooking in the garden program where we made salsa and held pickling courses.

The garden is a community space tackling food insecurity while enhancing engagement and connection.

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