



intergenerational

activities

Title

Planting Spring Bulbs

Season

Outdoor activity between October and December

Time

45 minutes but preparation time needed

Target groups

All ages

Objectives

To learn about what bulbs are and how to plant spring bulbs crocus, daffodils and tulips. Discovering where best to plant the bulbs so that they look good as they flower in the months of March onwards.

Resources

A selection of spring bulbs of different colours and growing times, garden spade, fork and compost.

Description

After a short presentation demonstrating how to design a bed of plants, thinking about how to plant the bulbs, so that they would look good when they started to flower. The bulbs need to be placed in well drained soil, where there is some sunshine. The bulbs are planted two to three times their own depth and two bulbs widths apart. The bulbs need to face upwards replacing the soil, breaking down any large clumps of soil. The children and older people can also be encouraged to think about colour patterns and the height of the plants that will grow.



There could be variations of this activity because bulbs can also be planted into pots, giving the flexibility that the activity could be hosted in doors.

When we did this in the UK one of the older people was a gardening expert - and so she was teaching the pupils what to do!!