

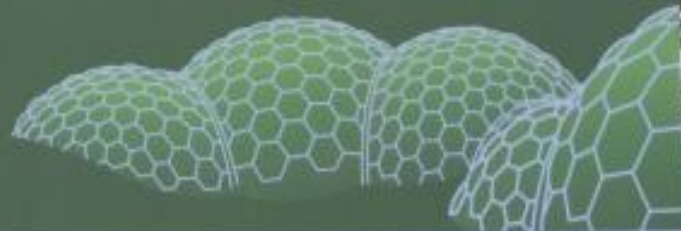


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WHO ARE WE?
WHAT DO WE DO?



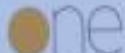
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The Eden Project
is a charity. We are
ordinary people trying
to change the world.
Join us.



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The Eden Project is home to the Eden
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IMAGINAL CELLS



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'THIS CENTURY IS GOING TO DEMAND THE BEST OF US. WE NEED FLEXIBLE, INNOVATIVE, INSPIRED AND STRONG INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES, READY TO RESPOND TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITIES TO THE CHALLENGES AHEAD'.



**DR TONY KENDLE,
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TRANSFORMATION CONNECTION COMMONALITY

**WE SUPPORT PEOPLE TO MAKE POSITIVE
CHANGE AND CONNECTIONS IN THE
PLACES WHERE THEY LIVE.**



OUR MISSION



We have a vision of a world full of happier and healthier communities where people know one another and neighbourhoods thrive



- 1. CREATING** OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO SHARE MORE, CONNECT WITH OTHERS AND HAVE FUN
- 2. SUPPORTING** AND ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED WHERE THEY LIVE
- 3. BUILDING** GREATER EMPATHY BETWEEN PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES
- 4. CELEBRATING** THE HUMAN AND THE EVERYDAY
- 5. CHAMPIONING** INCLUSIVITY AND CELEBRATING DIVERSITY
- 6. MAKING** THE BIG LUNCH A NATIONAL SHARED MOMENT THAT UNITES US, OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES

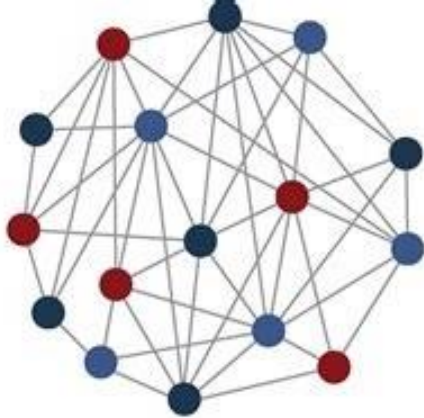


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**THE NETWORK/
COMMUNITY CAMPS**

the big lunch



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**THE UK'S ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER
FOR NEIGHBOURS AND COMMUNITIES**

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THE BIG IMPACT OF THE BIG LUNCH

ON AVERAGE, 7 MILLION PEOPLE TAKE PART IN THE BIG LUNCH
ACROSS THE UK EACH YEAR.

AN AVERAGE OF £8 MILLION IS RAISED EVERY YEAR
FOR LOCAL CAUSES OR CHARITIES.

WHY THE BIG LUNCH?

BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER

81%

of participants said taking part made them **feel part of something bigger** this year

Almost **1.2m** Big Lunches have taken place all over the UK since The Big Lunch began in 2009

17.2M

took part in **The Big Lunch** and **The Big Jubilee Lunch 2022**

That's **1 in 4** people across the UK!



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WHY THE BIG LUNCH?

BUILDS COMMUNITY

79%

of Big Lunch attendees
now **feel a stronger
sense of community**

15.3M

people say The Big Lunch **got
people talking** to each other

12.8M

people **feel closer
to neighbours** after
going to a Big Lunch

11.7M

new friendships were
made as a result of The
Big Lunch this year

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WHY THE BIG LUNCH?

MAKES A DIFFERENCE

£22.2M

was raised at Big Lunch events, **75%** of which was for **local causes or charities**

73%

of Big Lunch participants say they're now more likely to **get involved in community activities**



11.7M

people say The Big Lunch helped them **feel less lonely**

WHY THE BIG LUNCH?

IS NEEDED!

79%

of participants say
The Big Lunch has
had a **positive impact**
on their community

95%

of organisers say it is needed
to help **rebuild communities**
after the **Covid-19 pandemic**



77%

of organisers say The Big
Lunch is important to help
connect communities during
the **cost of living crisis**

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76% of participants felt Month of Community events had a positive impact on their community.

70% said Month of Community events encouraged people to engage in voluntary work.



73% said Month of Community events helped people feel less lonely.

78% said Month of Community events created a stronger sense of community spirit.



MONTH OF COMMUNITY



- Came together in 2022
- 20 million people
- Throughout June;
 - connect with your neighbours
 - support a cause you care about
 - or simply to say thank you





the big lunch
AT CHRISTMAS

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AT CHRISTMAS



- Meet new people in your community
- Share food and reduce waste
- Reduce loneliness and isolation
- Build a support network
- Have a bit of festive fun!

JOIN IN!

THEBIGLUNCH.COM





Over 1,800 people have attended our
Community Camps so far

COMMUNITY CAMPS - HOW DOES IT WORK?



TWO WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

1. Face to Face Community Camps
2. Online Community Camps

DATES FOR 2023



ONLINE COMMUNITY CAMP:

JANUARY

Monday 30th

FEBRUARY

Thursday 2nd

Monday 6th

Thursday 9th

Monday 13th

ALL SESSIONS

6.30 – 9PM

www.edenprojectcommunities.com/community-camps



WHO IS CAMP FOR?



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN, OR NEW TO, COMMUNITY ACTION? OR

- Just starting out on their journey.
- Interested in becoming more active in their community.
- Held a Big Lunch or Big Jubilee Lunch for the first time.
- Are involved with mutual aid groups or helping neighbours.
- Have more time to get involved in their community.

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WHAT TO EXPECT FROM COMMUNITY CAMP?



NETWORKING!

PRACTICAL RESOURCES!

INSPIRING TALKS!

IDEAS!

NEXT STEPS:

- further reading
- learn more
- become part of the Network
- supported by like-minded peers

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