

Community Gardens in France: a 100-Year History from Allotment Gardens to "Shared Gardens"

France was among the first European countries to institute allotment gardens at the end of the nineteenth century. One hundred years later, several forms of community or "shared" gardens have developed to address contemporary social issues, including unemployment, environmental education, and building social ties in urban neighborhoods. This growing movement in Paris and other French cities was inspired in part by the New York City community gardening movement. A law guaranteeing protection of community gardens is to be voted by the French parliament this year.

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Please contact Marianne Krasny/Nancy Bowers (mek2@cornell.edu, nlb6@cornell.edu) should you have any questions or want to meet with Ms Baudelet at a time other than the lunch.