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PLOT 22.

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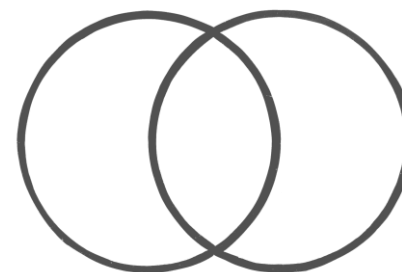


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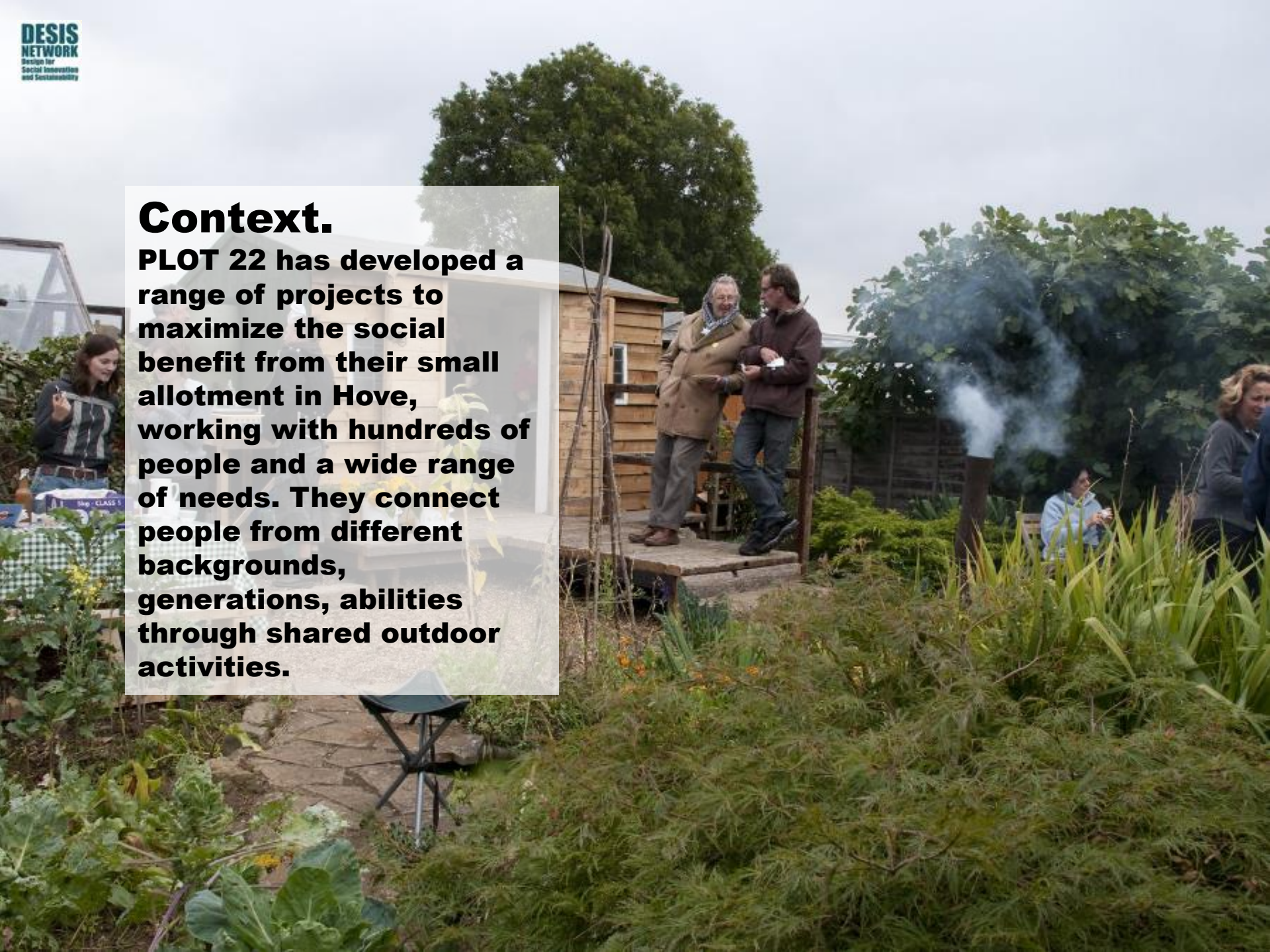
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Context.

PLOT 22 has developed a range of projects to maximize the social benefit from their small allotment in Hove, working with hundreds of people and a wide range of needs. They connect people from different backgrounds, generations, abilities through shared outdoor activities.



The project.

They provide communal gardening, outdoor cooking and skills-sharing opportunities for local residents, families and groups experiencing additional challenges. This helps build friendships and develops our connection with the natural world.



The design process.

The design and the way they work is inspired by the principles of Permaculture. They work together in the spirit of kindness towards each other and extend this to the land and the non-human inhabitants.



Governance and Policy Making



City council

School Projects

This project is funded by Brighton & Hove City Council and they have projects with local schools.

Activism and Civic Participation



Support

PLOT 22 offers sessions for groups and work closely with organizations such as TouchBase that supports children who have experienced trauma and loss; Marlets Hospice hosts a bereavement gardening group for men called EarthWorks; Brighton & Hove Centre for Spirituality holds quarterly meditative gardening sessions called Soil and Soul. They are also an associate of the Quiet Garden Movement.

Social Interactions and Relations



Education
Cooperation

PLOT 22 has a diverse group of people, contributing their unique skills and abilities to make the PLOT an enjoyable and rejuvenating place to be. It's where connection to each other and the land deepens over time.

City and Environmental Planning



Repurposing

Sharing

PLOT 22 repurposed their allotment garden where people share in the planting, growing and eating of healthy seasonal food.

Production, Distribution and Consumption



Charity
Fair Share

PLOT 22 is a volunteer led charity. Produce is shared by cooking a communally prepared meal when they garden together or by offering surplus fruit and vegetables free to participants and volunteers. They strive at all times to operate in the spirit of transparency, collaboration and fairness. To ensure they are inclusive and safe they are a no alcohol, vegetarian project.

Skill Training and Design Education



Workshops

Practical skills

Conservation

PLOT 22 has skill workshops and PLOTworks (an outdoor co-working and meeting space). The participants learn practical skills in food growing and cooking, habitat protection and resource conservation.

Job Creation



Volunteers

Gardening

PLOT 22 is gardened and maintained communally by volunteers. The projects available for volunteering are: Lady Garden (A small team of female volunteers care-take PLOT 22 all year round), Taster Sessions (2 hour taster sessions offer a great introduction to volunteering), Family Friendly (Accompanied children are welcome at these sessions held fortnightly on Saturday mornings) and Weekend Volunteer (adult volunteer sessions on fortnightly Saturday afternoons).

Storytelling and Visualisation



PLOT 22 uses storytelling and visualisation through their photos to describe how they work, how they are, what are the guidelines of the project, how everything started and how it was idealized.

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