



Project Title: Learning to Teach in an Outdoor Classroom
Project Summary (150 words maximum)

Since our 2011 start, The Orchard Garden Outdoor Classroom has integrated cross-curricular, in-depth garden-based education initiatives grounded in our principles, collaboratively developed by our student-led team (see mission statement: <http://theorchardgarden.blogspot.ca>). The Outdoor Classroom is now recognized locally and internationally as an important educational space that directly advances UBC's commitments in Place and Promise. We work with student teachers, instructors, and administrators in the Teacher Education Program, via enhanced practica, formal workshops, and a wide range of teacher education courses. Overall, approximately 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and community members have participated in the project to date. This past year, we have strengthened our partnerships with complementary initiatives in garden-based education and sustainability on campus. In the coming year, we will launch a new, UBC-based centre for garden-based education, the Cultivating Learning Network.