



GARDEN *show* IRELAND

GARDEN FESTIVAL  
HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE

21-23 May 2010

## Team Garden Challenge

Teams are invited from organisations throughout Northern Ireland to design and build a garden to be displayed at the Garden Festival at Hillsborough Castle. Teams are given a set budget and timeframe within which they must complete their garden a la Groundforce idea.

### Guidelines:

#### The Garden

- The gardens are outside and measure 3m x 3m.
- Participants will be allowed to lay cabling etc, should this be required for electricity supplies.
- Participants will be required to provide their own top materials. A suggestion might be to build a frame and then work within that frame, using soil, bark etc.
- The Garden plots will not be fenced off. This is so that teams can bring their own fencing and not compromise their design.
- There is no maximum number of team members. If teams feel they are not going to make the deadline, they can draft in extra helpers.
- Each Garden will be identified by a sign provided by Garden Show Ireland using the team's name.
- The team should put up a small sign explaining the rationale behind the garden.

#### Theme

- **'Wildlife in the Garden'** is the theme for this year's Team Challenge Gardens and this can be interpreted in any way that teams wish. An Award will be made to the garden which is judged to have interpreted the theme in the most creative manner.

#### Timeframe

- The planning time is left to the individual organisations to do as much or as little as they wish.
- The actual build time takes place on the day prior to the opening of the Garden Festival at Hillsborough Castle, Thursday 20 May 2010.
- Breakdown is from 6.00pm on Sunday 23 May 2010 (or teams may prefer to do this on Monday 24 May).

### **Budget**

- Each team may spend as much or as little on their gardens as they like, as long as the total cost does not exceed £500. It will be up to the imagination and creativity of the team to produce a garden within that budget using materials that have been purchased, borrowed, recycled or homemade.

### **Viewing by the Public**

- The gardens will be on show at the Garden Festival for the three days of the Show from 21-23 May 2010. Opening times are 10.00am-6.00pm each day.

### **Judging/Awards**

- Gardens will be judged by the Show Garden Judges and Awards presented at the Awards Ceremony on Friday 21 May 2010.
- Awards will be presented for:  
Best Overall Team Challenge Garden  
Best Interpretation of Theme: 'Wildlife in the Garden'  
Best Teamwork  
Most Creative

### **Media Coverage**

- We shall make every effort to maximise media coverage of the building period and of the gardens during the Show.

### **Deadline**

- Space will be allocated on a first come first served basis for this extremely popular team building event. Entry forms should be submitted at latest by **26 March 2010**.