

## Supergrounds Project Guide Chapter 6

### How to use this activity:

Your Supergrounds project can be an ideal opportunity to involve members of the school community. Not only will their participation bring invaluable skills and keep costs low; it will create a greater sense of ownership, and strengthen community relationships. You may be surprised how much willingness there is to help your project, but many people lack the confidence that their skills will be valuable – a skills survey will emphasise the many ways that people can get involved.

### Aimed at:

Your Supergrounds project management group

### Curriculum focus:

- Citizenship and Personal/Social Education
- ICT – collating and using information

### Purpose of the activity:

- To identify the skills available in the school community which could help with your Supergrounds project
- To encourage all members of the school community to get involved with your project

### Equipment and preparation:

- You can either use the Skills Survey overleaf, or create your own specifically to meet your needs. If you wish to design your own, this could be an ICT lesson activity
- Some of the skills are aimed at fundraising events, such as cake sales, and others at enabling other involvement, for example providing a crèche for parents who are helping with a work day
- You might also want to include requests for donations of goods, such as left-over paint for murals, or cuttings and spare seeds. This could include asking employers whether they are willing to donate goods
- Your survey could also ask whether people would be willing to serve on the management group, and get an indication of when would be the most convenient times to arrange work sessions
- Photocopy your survey onto A4 paper, with an explanatory letter on the reverse
- Plan how you will collate the returns – perhaps using a database or spreadsheet programme

### Follow up:

- It is important to acknowledge all the offers of help you receive, even if you cannot take advantage of them immediately. Why not print some postcard-sized response cards with a picture of your plans, or maybe a "before" picture to send back to everyone who volunteers help
- As your project progresses, don't be afraid to ask for more help. Emphasise how much has already been achieved with the help of volunteers, and make clear what additional help is needed to take the project further
- You could also create a display board in the entrance to the schools to ask for more volunteers, as well as showing how the project is progressing

# Skills Survey

Name: ..... Tel (day): .....

Address: ..... Tel (eve): .....

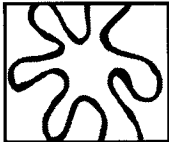

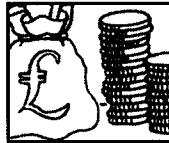

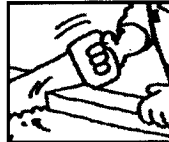



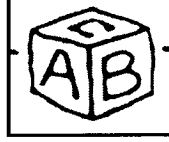





..... Tel (mobile): .....

..... Post Code: ..... Link with school (parent, governor, neighbour etc.): .....

e-mail: .....

## Interests / Skills

Please tick below the things you like to do or the jobs you are willing to undertake - indicating whether you are a Keen Beginner or are Experienced. Do add any further comments if you wish:

	K. Beginner	Experienced		K. Beginner	Experienced
 Artist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 DJ/Disco Organiser	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Book Keeper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 First Aider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Carpenter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Fundraiser	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Caterer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Gardener	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Child Minder/Crèche	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Letter Writer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Designer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Painter/Decorator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 DIY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Secretary/Computer Operator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you know any other people/organisations who might be helpful?