

## **Horticulture; Inclusive Skills**

### **2020 Pre-competition Activity Pack**

#### **Competition Task**

Participants will be required to prepare a Seasonal planter.

This competition will test participant's knowledge and skills in the following areas:  
Health and safety, horticulture, garden design, creativity, plant knowledge and planting skills.

Participants will be given 1hr to prepare and present a seasonal planter.

The competition will require each participant to:

#### **Task 1**

- On paper...
  - Draw a plan/design of the planter, highlighting a theme for the planter.
  - Indicate on the plan/design where each plant selection will be placed
  - Include a planting list (a selection from the master plant list), a key for the design and reasons why you chose to include particular plants in the design

#### **Task 2**

- Practical assessment...
  - Demonstrate horticultural health & safety while constructing the planter
  - Construct the planter according to your plan/design
  - Clear away equipment and clean down work area ready for the presentation
  - Present you planter to the judges, explaining your selections/choices of planting and plants
  - Demonstrate after-care of the planter, explaining what you would have to do to extend the life and vigor of the planter

Your competition host will have a selection of 8 plant available from this master plant list

- Box
- Carex
- Chamaecyparis
- Cordyline
- Pteris Fern
- Ivy
- Pansy
- Primrose
- Polyanthus
- Viola
- Bellis
- Seasonal Bulbs

Participants must provide their own uniform and PPE.

All plants, pots and compost will be provided. The pot will be 30cm diameter

## Marking and Assessment

Competitors will be marked against the criteria:

- Plan/design of planter
- Health and safety
- Maintenance of work area
- Correct use of tools
- Preparation of the planter
- Planting skills (Correct depth and facing)
- Appropriate density of planting.
- Appropriate combination of plants (height/spread/ longevity and match with theme)
- Details of aftercare.