SAINT BARTHOLOMEWS HOMEGROWN PROJECT
JCLA 2015 Sem 1

Our Team
To design and implement a garden with resident involvement which creates a welcoming atmosphere for St. Bart's residents, workers and visitors.

Project Details
Their mission is to assist the homeless of today to rebuild their lives, and act to prevent the homelessness of tomorrow. They hope to break the cycle of homelessness by treating each person with compassion, fairness, respect and confidentiality.

Organisation
- Maintain positivity & honesty
- When we work we work.
  When we play we play.
- Goals and purpose of being a JCLA member.
- 2 hours notice for lateness, if this is not done the member must provide snacks at the next meetings.
- If conflict arises, two mediators will sort conflict. No member must gossip about issues and positive language must always be used.

Goals for the Project
- To create a survey and host a focus group to explore the ideas of the St. Bart's community regarding the potential areas for development.
- Deliver a business proposal to St. Bartholomew's House reflecting the results of the survey and focus group.
- Implement the approved proposal and deliver a sustainable, social community space.
- Host an official garden launch to celebrate the opening of the space.

Evaluation
Keys to Success
- Effective time management - individual and group calendars were made at the outset of the project.
- Good relationship with the Not-for-Profit.
- Effective communication - agendas were made for every weekly meeting.
- Celebration and acknowledgment of successes.
- Knowing our limitations.
- Getting the residents involved (also a challenge as well as a goal).

Things We Have Learnt
- Practical skills such as brick laying and wood work.
- The importance of setting realistic goals and acknowledging when those goals may not be met.

Things We Would Change
- Create weekly goal lists from the beginning.
- Network with the corporate/community sector.
- Employ greater expertise in the planning stages.

Challenges and Solutions
- Time Management - solved with organization of schedules and understanding of team members university-home-JCLA balance.
- Exhaustion - solved with positive incentives between group members.
- Achieving the design goals we had set in the proposal - solved by including skilled residents and asking for expert advice.