

Welcome to our CSA *name* group. CSA stands for Community-Supported Agriculture. We propose an alternative, locally-based economic model of agriculture and food distribution. You get fresh, organically grown vegetables from ...(place of growing) over x weeks, which are picked shortly before they arrive in your bag for maximum nutritional value, and our growers get a fair deal for their hard work!

WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP INVOLVES

A SHARE IN THE CSA

Commitment for a season

With a CSA membership you sign up for a season of fresh vegetables while supporting the farmer and providing financial stability. Members are encouraged to stay in the system for the season in order to give the grower the security that they need to commit to the CSA.

Alternatively, if you need to opt out, please give one month's notice to the steering group (*email address*). We will assign your share to somebody on the waiting list; if there is nobody on the waiting list, we would encourage you to sell your share so we can keep our numbers constant.

Delivery/Pickup

The grower will deliver the boxes to ..*place on day of the week* between *time frame*. As the CSA is about community, we will also set aside time for meeting up over the season for a catch-up, and sharing some food and drinks.

As payments will be made upfront, delivery of veg will not vary on a weekly basis. The same number of bags will be delivered regularly. This means that if someone is going on holiday they can either sell or give their bag to a friend. Otherwise, their bag will be shared among present group members. This supports the self-sustainability of the CSA.

FARM VISITS/WORKDAYS

This year we hope to arrange a day for visiting and helping out on the farms on a monthly basis. Workdays support our farmers where an extra pair of hands is needed, and give you an opportunity to visit the farms and see how the food is grown. They are also a good opportunity to get to know your fellow CSA-ers – there will be some refreshments provided, and members are invited to bring along something to share. Fresh veg will be available on the day for those attending to bring home too.

If members have time to help ...farmer's name... on the farm outside the farm visits they can contact him directly to coordinate with him.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our code of conduct points to the intention of this group and how it operates. Members should read and agree to the code of conduct. This is available on our blog (<https://website>).

CONTACT

The CSA steering group is open for everyone who wants to be involved in organizing and planning. If you wish to take on a more extensive role in the CSA, get in touch. Opportunities to join the steering group will also arise at member

meetings.

To get an idea of who manages what at present, check out our steering group for 2017/2018:

- **Membership secretary**
- **Accounts secretary**
- **Farmer**
- **Events officer**
- **Communications**
- **Founders**
- **Website officers**
- **Convenor**
- **Link to CSA Network Ireland**
- **Links to broader community**

Should you want to get involved or contact any of the members from the steering group, please send an email to *...emailaddress...*

MORE BENEFITS OUTSIDE THE BOX

In the event of a glut of vegetables, the group will be notified of this, and individuals will have the option of purchasing extra vegetables in addition to their bag.

If two or more members are interested in purchasing produce beyond what the farmers supply (e.g. bread, eggs etc.), and if they can arrange for this to be delivered to interested members, these can be included as an optional extra in the bag (if this is practical for *..farmer name...*).

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

There will be at least two member meetings during the year, one mid-season to monitor progress, and one at the end of season to re-cap on the season's experiences and lessons, and plan for the next season.

In addition, our working groups will continue to develop ongoing projects and build on lessons from previous years, while our steering group will meet from time to time to try ensure things keep ticking over.

Our internal communications person will keep you updated with emails when important events are coming up, relevant updates occur, or changes are being made.

Our events person will arrange member events over the course of the season to provide opportunities to get to know each other better and have a bit of craic (Irish for fun!).

If you know someone who might like to join, or connect with the CSA, please encourage them to get in touch with *...emailaddress...*, and our secretary will manage their query or connect them to the appropriate person.

If issues arise, they can be referred to the steering group (*...email-address...*). In the event of differences of opinion between members, or between members and growers, please contact us to activate a conflict resolution process.