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# HOPE GROVE

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# Inspiration

There is a growing need for intentional green spaces in Malta where people can get away from the hustle and bustle of urban life and have safe, accessible and meaningful interactions with nature.

Hope Grove is an afforestation project that offers an escape from the overwhelming presence of concrete; an opportunity to disconnect from the demands of the modern technological life-style; and the perfect location for reconnecting with friends and family whilst being immersed in natural surroundings.



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# The Problem

According to the Eurostat Published in March 2021, Malta's forest land cover stands at a little over 1%.

Increasing urbanisation and number of vehicles on our roads is contributing to a reduction in air quality.

As air pollution increases, it can lead to health problems such as chronic chest infections, asthma, stress, depression, anxiety, and increased prevalence of chronic inflammatory conditions.

Dense concentrations of pavement, buildings, and other surfaces that absorb and retain heat in the summer months, leads to the occurrence of Urban Heat Islands, which increase energy costs (for air conditioning), air pollution levels, and heat-related illness and mortality



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# THE TEAM



**NADINE**  
Founder



**BEN**  
Administrator



**JAY**  
Development



**ZAKK**  
Team Leader



**MARTIN**  
Life Skills &  
Martial Arts



**IRENE**  
Team Leader  
Toddler Group



**REBECCA**  
Team Leader



**ALBERTO**  
Woodwork and  
Gardening







# Our mission

**To promote sustainable values through safe, accessible and meaningful interactions with nature, whilst mitigating the adverse effects of our modern built surroundings.**



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# Our Vision

To create a space where people can  
reconnect with nature, each other and  
themselves.



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# THE PROJECT



## PREPARATION

Preparation activities will help to ensure accessibility and the survival of trees planted



## TREE PLANTING

Three tree planting events and mature tree planting activities



## LAUNCH

Hope Grove will be launched with a community picnic event



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# Project Timeline

**OCT '22-JAN '23**

Soil testing, site planning, establishing collaborations, acquisition of equipment, preparing land for trees, water storage

**JAN '23-MAR '23**

Water storage and irrigation, tree selection, land preparation, 2 Tree planting events with local youth groups, schools and social and environment NGOs

**MAR '23- MAY '23**

Land preparation, mature tree transplanting, community tree planting event

**JUN'23**

Community picnic event and launch of Hope Grove



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# The Impact

Within the first six months of the establishment of Hope Grove, this project will contribute to:

- A new, natural green area for the benefit of everyone in Malta
- Cleaner air/combating air pollution and the Urban Heat Island Effect
- Providing ecosystem services
- Reduction in stress, anxiety and other chronic health conditions
- Better interpersonal relationships
- Environmental education opportunities
- A better future for our children





# Finance

## THE BUDGET

The total budget for Hope Grove is €62,050

## CROWD FUNDING WILL HELP US TO COVER THE COSTS OF

- Preparing the land for trees
- Acquiring equipment
- Irrigation
- Development of natural Pathways and provision of amenities







**With your help we  
can plant hope for  
a better future**

**Be like a tree...**

- **Stay grounded**
- **Connect with your roots.**
- **Turn over a new leaf**
- **Bend before you break**
- **Keep growing**



A pair of hands is shown planting a small green seedling into dark, rich soil. The seedling has two vibrant green leaves and a thin stem. The hands are positioned on either side of the plant, with fingers gently holding the soil. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural setting. The overall mood is one of care and growth.

**Thank you**



# Contact us

**We're open for  
questions, suggestions  
and collaborations**

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