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Urban gardening action research in Riga, Latvia

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Following completion of a four-year EU COST research project on urban gardening, a “community” of three professors from two universities in Riga have begun to explore the idea of creating the first community garden in Riga. This presentation will be a story behind this grass-roots experience in the context of local urban planning, community development and place-making.

Dr. Kristīne Āboliņa is a researcher of the Faculty of Geography and Earth Sciences of the University of Latvia in Riga. She is working with environmental science and social science students on urban sustainability issues. Her research interests and project experience include climate change adaptation, urban planning, urban shrinkage, and sustainable consumption. Being an active member of a neighbourhood NGO, she is keenly interested in aspects of local community building and public participation. During the last four years her research activities have been focused on urban gardening issues including community gardens.

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