



## GROWING TOGETHER

The IGA Metropole Ruhr 2027 will showcase the parks and green spaces of our region in all their diversity and highlights just how high the quality of life is in the Ruhr area. This is something we will celebrate together with international guests, businesses, and initiatives at the largest garden festival in the world. There is much for the citizens of the 53 municipalities of the Ruhr metropolis and their visitors to discover: garden treasures of the region, spectacular flower shows as well as the chance to find the answers to questions about future urban development.

“What will future living look like?” This is a question only the Ruhr metropolis can answer: it’ll look like a collective! Together, we will find sustainable solutions to the issues of climate protection and adaptation, regional food production, eco-friendly mobility, and green urban landscapes.

The Ruhr Regional Association is the organisation behind this initiative. The IGA Metropole Ruhr GmbH is working together with the German Federal Garden Show, the cities, the districts, the state of North Rhine Westphalia, and many other public-sector and economic partners to bring you the International Garden Exhibition.

The IGA 2027 will be an unforgettable experience with its exceptional events, world-class cultural events and hands-on activities, which will create a network of open spaces that will leave a lasting mark on the region.

We look forward to providing you with this unique exhibition experience.

## THREE GARDEN SHOW PROJECTS SPREAD OUT OVER DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

### MY GARDEN

The “My Garden” project will introduce greenery to home gardens, clubs, neighbourhoods, schools, and on balconies and rooftops. Greenery that’s rooted in tradition. Greenery that tells the stories of people, provides you with fresh produce, and creates spaces for creativity. In 2027, the gardeners of the Ruhr metropolis will transform the entire region into an extraordinary garden festival with the help of these projects and their partners.



### OUR GARDENS

The region’s parks, gardens, and open spaces have a great deal of qualities – whether its testimonies to historical garden art or contemporary open space design. This is where we come to relax, experience what it means to belong to a community, and enjoy events. These green spaces will lend a particular structure to the Ruhr metropolis and give it a unique identity. Municipalities will upgrade these green spaces as part of the IGA 2027, thereby creating something new while also strengthening green infrastructure. This will also serve to promote sustainable and climate-resilient urban development.



### GARDENS OF THE FUTURE

The five Gardens of the Future are the highlights of the Garden Festival. They also present sustainable solutions to the issues our urban region will face in the future. They are laboratories and “shop windows” for the green metropolis of tomorrow. They are an incentive for climate-neutral mobility, regional food production, and innovative types of housing. Players from the horticulture and the environmental sectors will realise their ideas here, and look forward to engaging in dialogue with exhibition guests.

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# THE INTERNATIONAL GARDEN EXHIBITION IS COMING TO THE RUHR METROPOLIS





# GARDENS OF THE FUTURE: DESIGNS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING



## GARDEN OF THE FUTURE, GELSENKIRCHEN

Climate-friendly and renewable energies, new forms of mobility and sustainability – from recycling to the re-use of bonded materials – these are all important keywords for the following projects: Gelsenkirchen's Island of the Future and the IGA 2027, which will showcase innovative ideas for future urban landscapes. The historic Nordstern turning harbour will become a place of experience and recreation, the Green Tower on Emscher Island is experimenting with a climate-saving façade, and Nordsternpark 2027 will provide for around 28 hectares of space for inspiring floral and open-air displays and a plethora of different events.

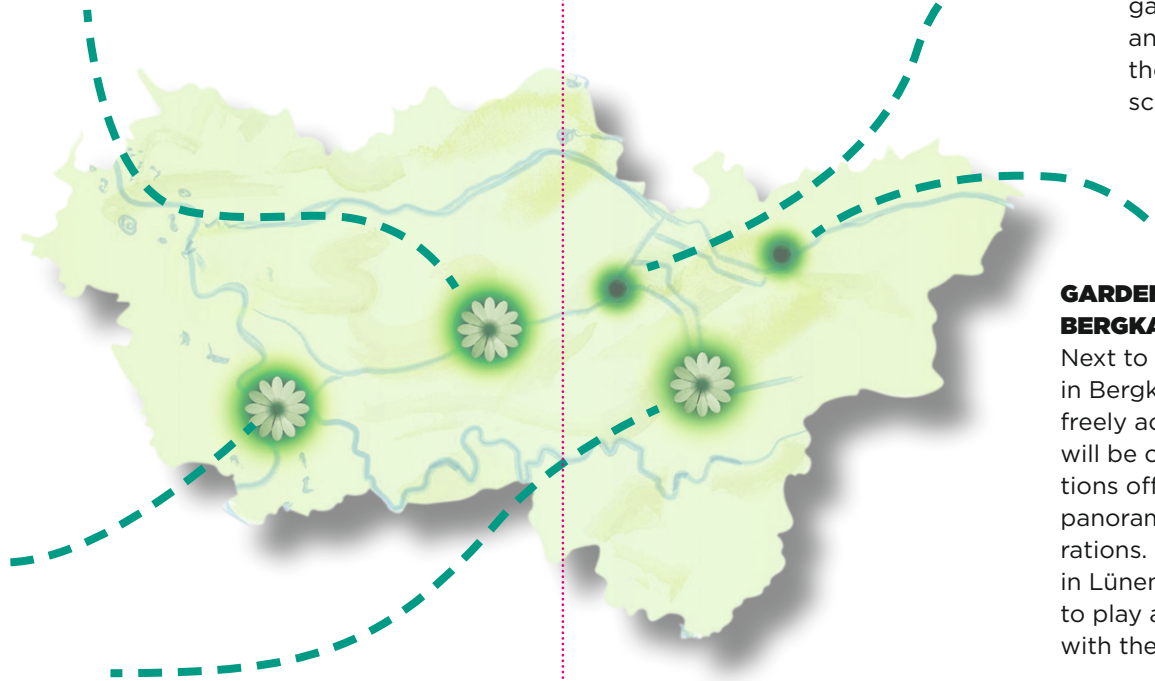
## GARDEN OF THE FUTURE, DUISBURG

After 150 years of industrial use, Duisburg is opening itself up to the Rhine again with the development of the RheinPark futuristic garden. New open, green spaces will be developed along the riverfront and linked to a multifunctional district park in Hochfeld. In the exhibition year 2027, the Future Garden will be the focus of horticultural shows and a variety of events. In the tradition of previous garden exhibitions, the focus of the IGA's „Global Garden“ events building will be on topics such as „Greenery in Housing,“ „Greenery from Other Cultures,“ and „Greenery of the Future“.



## GARDEN OF THE FUTURE, DORTMUND

Abandoning its traditional roots, Dortmund is on its way to becoming a modern, industrial location for services. The development of neighbourhoods and residential areas for people affected by change should also keep pace with such modernisation. The IGA 2027 provides visitors with a unique opportunity to link attractive and exciting green spaces around the Hansa coking plant, such as the Grünanger skatepark, the „Haldensprung“ bridge structure, the Mooskamp railway depot, the energy gardens, and the Deussenberg trail, as well as historical testimonies to industrial culture thanks to new green spaces with connections to the districts. From the planning stages to the garden exhibition itself, locals will really be able to get stuck in, participate, and celebrate such spaces during the IGA 2027, with its variety of inspiring events taking place across an area of over 20 hectares.



## GARDEN OF THE FUTURE, CASTROP-RAUXEL

Emscherland: This is where the new underground wastewater canal, the re-naturalised Emscher River, the Rhine-Herne Canal, and

a bridge structure cross all layers of water. At this water crossing, where the water flows in layers, a nature and water experience park is being created that will be open to everyone: with a meadow orchard, vineyard, beekeeping, and gardens full of old cultivated plants for traditional uses, biodiversity succeeds and the Future Garden invites people of all ages and walks of life to quench their thirst for knowledge: by visiting, by joining in or by learning outside of school.

## GARDEN OF THE FUTURE, BERGKAMEN/LÜNEN

Next to the Großes Holz slag heap in Bergkamen, a newly developed, freely accessible slag heap landscape will be created with unique attractions offering exercise, nature, and panoramic experiences for all generations. The Victoria I/II colliery site in Lünen will be transformed into a landscape park that encourages people to play and spend time there. A diverse cultural landscape connects the canal with the Lippe and invites you to take part in long cycling tours.

