



## LifeCycles Launches Mobile Greenhouse

LifeCycles launched an exciting new venture, a mobile greenhouse, at the Feast of Fields event held at Providence Farm in Duncan on Sunday, September 20, 2009.

Funded by the Epicure Foundation, the mobile greenhouse enables LifeCycles to deliver its food education programs directly to elementary and secondary schools.

"The mobile greenhouse will provide a platform for schools to engage with growing food and also supports our education efforts," says LifeCycles' Operations Manager Katie Shaw. "When we couldn't find suitable public land for a permanent structure, we realized we could solve that problem by going mobile."

The greenhouse will primarily be used to supply vegetable starter plants for school gardens and other LifeCycles programs that are initiating food production in Greater Victoria.

Aaron Dagleish, who designed and built the 6 x 10 ft greenhouse, says the structure is lightweight but strong, so it can be towed or moved by hand. "Four hinged windows along the sides of the greenhouse will act as adjustable vents for the vegetation and open up fully to showcase the fruits and vegetables grown inside to larger groups standing outside," says Dagleish.

LifeCycles' Urban Agriculture Hub, Growing Schools and YouthCore will be the primary users of the new greenhouse; however, any groups or programs interested in using the structure should contact LifeCycles.