

## Do-it-yourself biotechnology could reduce fear of GMOs

This summer, the website GMO Answers was launched by the Council for Biotechnology Information in the hopes of making “information about GMOs in food and agriculture easier to access and understand.” As seen in past and present discussions about GMOs—the Kaua’i County Bill #2491 debate comes to mind—misinformation and fear mongering hinders productive conversation. GMO Answers is a great educational resource and I am glad it was created. However, I believe people also need to develop a personal relationship with genetic engineering and interact with it if the “GMO fright” pandemic is to be fully addressed.

Imagine if biotechnology was a common, friendly, hands-on experience for anyone interested. Imagine if learning biotechnology skills and practicing them was just as common as learning survival skills for a girl scout troop. Imagine if grandmas could receive homemade GMOs from their grandchildren. Imagine if Grandma could pick up the hobby of DIY biology along with knitting.

**Read the full, original story here: [“GMO How-To Kit: Interactive Future of Biotech Education”](#)**

### **Additional Resources:**

- [“Biohacking project a glowing controversy,”](#) KAWL Public Radio
- [“Glowing plants spark debate,”](#) Nature