

# Campaign for School Gardening



## Getting it right from the start!

Setting up and running a successful growing area - Level 1 and 2  
Holt Hall Field Studies Centre, Kelling Road, Holt, Norfolk, NR25 7DU  
20 November 2008

### Summary

To equip teachers with the knowledge needed for setting up and running a successful growing area in School. We will explore the framework required and the skills needed. From Health and safety to site surveys and what to grow that works within the school calendar and curriculum.

### Objectives

1. To identify the framework of support that is needed for success: funding, equipment and staff and voluntary involvement.
2. To enable teachers to identify potential growing areas within their school grounds
3. To gain the basic horticultural skills needed to start growing successfully in schools
4. To gain understanding as to how gardening can enrich and support learning in schools

### National Curriculum Links

Science (Sc2 Life Processes and Living things)

Geography (mapping the growing area)

Numeracy (measuring and costing project)

PSHE and Citizenship

Developing a healthy lifestyle and caring for their environment.

### QCA Schemes of Work

1B 2B 3B 4B 5A 5B 6A

### Venue

Holt Hall Field Study Centre

Kelling Road

Holt

Norfolk

NR25 7DL

**CPD provider:**

Chris Wright Project Manager of Root and Shoots at Holt Hall and secondary school teacher

Alison Findlay RHS Campaign for School Gardening Advisor

**Plan for the day**

9.30 welcome and introductions

Brief power point of photos with Inspiring School garden case studies which will illustrate ways different ways growing areas work in schools.

10.00 Setting up the Framework of support needed for success Discussion in groups to come back with key points: Funding, choosing site, equipment, health and safety, risk assessment, key staff gardening coordinator, inclusion in school development plan.

10.45 coffee and feed back resources for funding, equipment etc

11am practical activity

choosing the site of your growing area. Mapping exercise looking at soil type, aspect, size of and type of beds, costings

12.30 lunch

1.30 What to grow in your school garden – guided tour of Holt Hall Walled garden pointing out the various crops and their use in school.

2.00 practical activity

learn to sow seeds for crops for summer term

2.45 care and maintenance of the school garden

3.15 Planning curriculum links and the growing area

Discussion in groups each taking a different topic (eg art, science, maths) and feeding back to the group how the growing area can be used to teach these subject.

3.45 feed back and evaluation



## CPD BOOKING FORM

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