

## Growing Schools Partnership

The EWE Centre, Esh Winning Primary School

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009 10.30am-12.00pm

### Present

David Etheridge, Rich Hurst, Andrea Carling, Anna Corbett, Steve Ashton, Mike Hughes, Dawn James

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Gary Richardson, Liz Charles, David Thompson & Paul Flynn

### Events

- Twilight session-had 100 teachers at the Durham Botanic Gardens in March '09

### First Event

- Suggested venue Ox Close Primary, Spennymoor. Suggested dates were Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> or Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- Growing Schools 'Ask the Experts'
- Brief;
  - 4-6pm
  - Drop in session to view a school community garden
  - Opportunity to speak to experts
  - Future opportunities/resources/cpd opportunities
  - Highlight opportunities to link to achievement/ECM/LOTC
- Suggested Organisations
  - BGED
  - FACE
  - LTL
  - CFE
  - SSAT
  - RHS
  - FCFG
  - Houghall
  - Botanic Gardens
  - Food for life
  - OASES/SG Project
  - Durham Wildlife Trust
- Resources
  - National Growing Schools
  - Potatoes for Schools
  - Seeds for Schools
  - Let's Grow
  - Garden Organic → Food growing manual
  - Farm visits → David Thompson
- Invites

- Healthy Schools/Extended schools
- Regional WRAP person → Sue Robertson → NE rep

DE to lead on organisation of Durham event, AC to lead on organisation of Tees Valley event

### Other Event → March '10

- Possibly Holy Rosary Primary in Stockton
- Growing and farm courtyard
- Have received Creative partnership money
- Martin Waller → Contact
  
- New local food post - Tees Valley Wildlife Trust, to be appointed soon.
  
- Development of Growing Schools Partnership
  - Healthy schools - Ann Johnson
  - Extended schools
  - Enterprise → food/growing
  
- Universities
  - Moorbank + Opal Project (Newcastle Uni)
  
- Local Authorities
  - Gateshead - Horticulture/environment
  
- Allotment Officers
  - In each local authority
  - Contacts through FCFG and FACE

Suggested Event for support organisations?

- Drop in meet and greet session
- Invite all to event at Ox Close Primary

Enhance database of providers

- Through Tom Hickenbottom (David E will ask if they have a website)
- Check the current numbers registered
- Case Study template
  - DE has a template to use **\*DE to action**
  - Have £100 for each case study
  - Need a brief for the case studies with proforma
  - Suggest schools to come forward and others organisations
- Budget
  - £8k can be spent flexibly
  - Groundwork North East agreed to be fund-holder
  - Presume it will be paid in arrears Claim in 2 sections, after Xmas and March
  - Use the Spring event as a celebration of Case Studies

Evaluation

- Dr Andrew Reid → University of Bath

- Produced evaluation tool → DE asked for an updated version
- Forms are a bit wordy
- DE & AC will work together on updates and evaluation

### CPD Flyer

- Flyer produced for North East Schools
- Available as a PDF → **Action Steve A to send to RH**
- Need printed versions for the event
- 5 in Durham
- 3 in Tees Valley
- + Northumberland/ Tyne & Wear courses
- Food for Life. Only open to schools who are registered
  - Free to sign up
  - 20<sup>th</sup> October @ EWE Centre

### A.O.B.

- Feedback from National Meeting
  - Get your hands dirty → unlikely to print again
  - School farms network → keeping exotics
- CEVAS → trying to link LOTC badge
  - 2 courses in the North East → 17<sup>th</sup> November Greenwell Farm, Durham → 24<sup>th</sup> November Blagdon Estate, Seaton Burn
- NAFSO Resource
  - Download publications from [nafso.org.uk](http://nafso.org.uk)
- Encouraging gardens to be badged as a Growing School Garden, but they have to have a LOTC Quality badge
- Have distributed 30,000 Growing School Planners. Have 10,000 left. **Order some for the event RH to action.**
- Mission Nutrition (Through Blue Peter) → funding CF £250 through FCFG. [www.farmgarden.org.uk](http://www.farmgarden.org.uk)
- Sue Holley → Curriculum contact for DCSF

### Next Meeting

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am at the EWE Centre