



“Growing in School?– Ask the Experts”

Free DROP IN Event

Ox Close Primary School, Spennymoor, County Durham, DL16 6RU

Wednesday 4th November 2009

from 2.45pm until 6.00pm

- View or take a tour of the **Ox Close Community Garden**
- **Meet other teachers** from beginners to those with greater experience of Growing activities in schools
- **Meet experts** who can help to develop your ideas, make a success of your gardening ventures, and help you to incorporate growing activities into the curriculum
- **Take away information** from other organisations that offer advice and resources to ‘Growing Schools’.
- **Find Out** about future events and CPD opportunities in the north-east region
- **Enjoy some light refreshments**

How to Book:

To book a place and receive further details about this free event, please register your interest as soon as possible with nikki.lamb@durhamlearning.net in the first instance.

Organisations represented to include:

Groundwork North East	Food for Life Partnership
East Durham & Houghall College	Garden Organics
Durham Botanic Gardens	Farming & Countryside Education
Outdoor and Sustainability Education Service	

Growing Schools – learning in the living environment

Growing Schools aims to give all children the opportunity to connect with the living environment, whether it is an inner city window box or a vast country estate, a school veg plot or a natural woodland. Interacting with living plants and animals provides a very rich, hands-on learning experience in which both formal and informal education can flourish.

The Growing Schools programme supports the [Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto](#), and shares its conviction that every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development, whatever their age, ability or circumstance. Within these broad boundaries Growing Schools focuses particularly on three areas that are accessible to all, at some level, as a context for learning. They are:

- Food and farming, including the managed countryside
- Gardens, gardening and green spaces
- Wildlife and the natural environment

Growing Schools also meshes very well with the [Sustainable Schools](#) agenda. It provides a practical approach to its core theme of care – for oneself, for each other and for the environment – and is particularly relevant to the food & drink gateway.]

Link to Map

http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=DL16+6RU&sl=53.800651,-4.064941&sspn=12.501051,39.155273&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=Spennymoor,+County+Durham+DL16+6RU,+United+Kingdom&ll=54.715003,-1.601601&spn=0.047695,0.218353&z=13