

## Skills for a new urban agriculture

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## Outline

- What is Lantra?
- Our Industry
- What's Needed?
- Issues, Barriers and Opportunities
- Taking things Forward



- Sector Skills Council
- Promotion of skills
- Land based and environmental sector
  - 17 Industries
  - 3 broad areas of activity
- Key goals



- Diverse but important sector
- One million employed; 500,000+ volunteers
- Significant number of migrant workers
- Managing over 85% of UK landmass in over 230,00 businesses



## What about London?



- Links with many of the key priority sectors
- Importance of green space
- 2012
- Demands of diverse communities
- Importance of volunteers



## Growing Food



- Skills are essential!
- But what skills?
  - Skills for Business
  - Skills for Individuals
  - Skills for Life
  - Skills for volunteers
- How?



## What are the challenges?



- It's diverse and full of small businesses
- Age profile
- Diversity issues
- Getting the right skills development/training
  - timely, appropriate, relevant
- Funding
  - meeting demand; flexible; getting results



## Taking things forward



- Lantra wants to champion skills, the sector, and food production in London
- Getting skills and funding right
- Aiming to improve diversity
- Collaborating
- The right people, the right skills, the right time

