

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



Lantra SSC



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



The Landbased Sector



- 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

