**Growing Culture School application form**

Please read this form carefully, complete and email to [janelle@sustainweb.org](mailto:janelle@sustainweb.org) by midday on Wednesday 13 March 2019.

Growing Culture: Celebrating London’s past and future food growing heritage, will focus on the history of London’s food growing and how this has contributed to the culture of families, communities and our city. The project will engage over 200 diverse people to explore the heritage of our movement and create a picture of the history of food growing in London, while building a vision of the future. Capital Growth will enable individuals, groups, schools and other Londoners, to share memories of food growing, through storytelling, maps, photos, records and by growing heritage variety crops.

We will work with four schools to explore past and recent history of food growing and bring to life stories of how food has been grown and traded in London, focusing on the last century. This will look at historical food production, allotment gardens, city farms and the explosion in community food gardens in the past 10 years, driven by our Capital Growth campaign. We would like the schools to investigate food growing cultures within pupils’ families and communities too as there may be an opportunity to record some oral histories of fascinating people and their stories.

Why take part in Growing Culture?

* Opportunity for children to have researched and learnt about the heritage of food production and community food growing in London, of its role in our city’s history and culture, and how it affects the landscape overtime.
* For pupils (and teachers!) to gain knowledge about heritage crops and growing techniques in their own school garden.
* Discounted places on Capital Growth training for schools for staff and volunteers, delivered by our Hubs and Partners including, Edible Playgrounds (Trees for Cities), Christ Church school (Wandsworth) and Spitalfields City Farm (Tower Hamlets).

1. [Maths outside the classroom: Learning in the natural environment](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/maths-outside-the-classroom-learning-in-the-natural-environment-tickets-56990046764)
2. [Get Outside! – Learn to garden with your Children](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/get-outside-learn-to-garden-with-your-children-tickets-56564819899)
3. [Teaching the primary curriculum through food growing and outdoor space](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/teaching-the-primary-curriculum-through-food-growing-and-the-outdoor-space-tickets-57006079719)
4. [Literacy outside the classroom: Inspiring garden tales](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/literacy-outside-the-classroom-inspiring-garden-tales-tickets-57098734853)

* Opportunity to take part in [The School Marketplace](https://www.capitalgrowth.org/school_marketplace/) on 12 July at City Hall
* Free place at our summer networking event, Grow Well Feel Well on 4 July
* Invitation to our Growing Culture final celebration event on 7 September

**General information**

Contact name:

School name:

School address:

School postcode:

School borough:

Contact email:

Contact phone number:

Website:

Twitter handle:

**Applicant questionnaire**

Please fill out the following questions in no more than 150 words each.

1. Tell us a bit about your school garden: How long has it been running? How many raised/growing beds do you have? How many people are involved? Do you grow mainly food?

1. Tell us a bit about the pupils who will be involved at the school: Do you run an after school gardening club? Which years are most involved?

1. Are you interested in working (in your own time as well as in the workshop) with pupils to research or collect historical information about food growing (for example, this could be historical documents, photos, artefacts, oral histories) in London?

1. Are you able to welcome and host the Growing Culture project officer to deliver 3 heritage food growing workshops at your school between April-July on a Wednesday or Thursday?

1. Why are you interested in becoming a Growing Culture School? What would you like to get out of the experience?

1. Do you have any further comments or ideas about Growing Culture and how your school could be involved?