**Growing Culture Volunteer application form**

Please read this form carefully, complete and email to [janelle@sustainweb.org](mailto:janelle@sustainweb.org) by 5pm on Tuesday 9 April 2019.

Growing Culture: Celebrating London’s past and future food growing heritage, will focus on London’s food growing heritage and how this has contributed to the culture of families, communities and our city. The project will engage over 200 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 growing of heritage variety crops.

As a Growing Culture volunteer, you will;

* learn about and research the food growing history and heritage of London
* learn new skills to discover food growing heritage including how to research, share and engage others in discussion
* attend free training including 'An Introduction to Oral History' as well as other [Capital Growth training courses](https://www.capitalgrowth.org/training/)
* interview and collect 1 or 2 oral histories from gardeners and growers across London who have a food growing story to tell
* take part in heritage visits to some fascinating places including [RHS Lindley Library](https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/libraries-at-rhs/visit-the-libraries/lindley-library-london), [Valence House](http://valencehousecollections.co.uk/) and [The Regent's Park Allotment Garden](https://www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/the-regents-park/things-to-see-and-do/gardens-and-landscapes/regents-park-allotment-garden) to collect information and materials on food growing heritage
* work with schools to deliver heritage crop workshops
* have an enjoyable time, feel more confident and knowledgeable in researching and discussing heritage
* meet new people and volunteer your time to a really exciting project.

We will be able to cover travel expenses up to £8 for each visit.

**General information**

Name:

Address:

Borough:

Email:

Phone number:

Are you over 18 years old?

**Applicant questionnaire**

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

1. Tell us a bit about how you’ve been involved in food growing in London, or your interest in the heritage of food growing.

1. What experience do you have working with and supporting other people and community groups or schools?

1. Do you have an interest or an experience in researching or collecting historical information (for example, this could be historical documents, photos, artefacts, oral histories? Please explain.

1. Why are you interested in becoming a Growing Culture volunteer? What would you like to get out of the experience and how would you support others?

1. Are you able to commit to the following? Anything in **bold** is mandatory, and you should be able to make at least 2 of the visits -

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| ***Location*** | ***Date*** | ***Yes/No*** |
| **An introduction to Oral History training course** | **A Weds or Thurs in late April (TBC)** |  |
| Visit a Big Dig garden | Saturday 27th April |  |
| Visit to Valence House | Wednesday 15th May 3-5pm |  |
| |  | | --- | | Visit to RHS Lindley Library | | Thursday 13th June (time TBC) |  |
| Visit to Regent's Park Allotment Garden | Wednesday 7th August 10am-2pm |  |
| Visit to Spitalfields City Farm | 22nd August (time TBC) |  |
| Grow Well Feel Well networking event | Thursday 4 July |  |
| Growing Culture celebration event at the Allotment at Kensington Garden | Sunday 15th September |  |
| **Availability to interview and record 1-2 oral histories** | **Any time before 31st August** |  |