

Teachers Continuing Professional Development

Food growing in secondary schools



■ Summary of the course

This course offers a broad range of horticultural topics for secondary school staff wishing to develop a growing area within their school grounds.

Following completion of the course staff will be confident about setting up a growing area and also able to use it in teaching a range of curriculum subjects

The day will include plenty of “hands on” activities such as; plant propagation, designing an area to grow food, what to grow where when, and composting, all underpinned with the theory needed to make any school growing area a success!

The course will be delivered on the Outwood Grange College allotment so please come prepared for working outdoors. Lunch will be provided.

We will also examine other topics such as; pests and diseases, green house gardening, growing produce that can be harvested within the academic year and using the allotment/ growing area throughout the seasons.



■ Course details

Venue
Outwood Grange College of Technology
Potovens Lane
Outwood
Wakefield
WF1 2PF

14 May 2010
10:00AM - 4:00PM
Cost £100

The days objectives

Participants will;

- start to design/develop a growing area within their school grounds
- be able to relate seasonal food production to the academic year
- understand the importance of composting and how to do it
- develop their growing area to deliver a range of curriculum topics

Contact Us

For further information about this one day course please contact Geoff Fisher on 01924 307222 or geoff.fisher@groundwork.org.uk

■ Trainer details

Geoff Fisher BSc (Hons) PGCE
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My role with Groundwork Wakefield involves working with young people (14 – 19) teaching horticulture, both within schools and at Thornes Park in Wakefield. We are currently delivering the City and Guilds Certificate in Horticulture at level one and the BTEC first diploma in Horticulture at level two.

I work in primary schools delivering a programme to raise awareness of sustainability issues and help schools towards Eco-Schools accreditation. I also assist with the delivery of our Forest Schools programme. In the past I have worked as a college lecturer teaching horticulture, conservation and teacher training. And have worked in landscaping and garden maintenance since 1986 for a Local Authority and in a self-employed capacity.

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