



Schools

We currently work in many schools, including:

- Randolph Beresford Early Years Centre
- St Augustine's Primary School
- Sullivan Primary School
- Flora Gardens Primary School
- Phoenix High School

"Children adore working in the garden and always come in with something to share and take home! Children are learning about the outside environment - complementing the science curriculum" - Wendy Aldridge Headteacher Sullivan School

"Gardening is better than ICT" - Pupil at New Kings Primary school



How Can We Get Involved?

For more details about HCGA and all of our opportunities or to book a session please contact us:

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About Us

Hammersmith Community Gardens Association (HCGA) is a local environmental charity. Founded in 1984, HCGA is one of the most successful and well-respected projects of its kind in West London. We manage two community garden sites and two large glasshouses at Ravenscourt Park. We also work in partnership with Phoenix School Farm and Learning Zone in White City.

Our Community Gardens provide a valuable base for our projects, an educational resource for school and holiday playschemes as well as a site for community events and public enjoyment. Our community garden sites are open public access have fantastic Eco Sheds with kitchen and toilet facilities.

Working in early years, primary and secondary schools in west London we can provide:

- Advice and support for creating school gardens and wildlife areas
- Weekly gardening sessions with a focus on food growing and healthy eating
- After school clubs
- One off visits to our sites for local studies sessions covering history, science and geography
- We can also provide advice on how to get started and possible sources of funding



Learning and Play

HCGA has been delivering educational sessions for over ten years. We have a team of school gardeners who provide environmental education sessions in schools on a weekly basis. These include formal curriculum-linked activities as well as lunchtime and after school clubs. We also guide groups on how to make their premises more environmentally friendly and give technical growing advice. We have designed growing and wildlife areas in several local schools and our teams of volunteers have undertaken the landscaping work during school holidays. We have built up a collection of activities and have worked with many other organisations in the borough, running one-off workshops, short-term projects and longer-term contracts around growing, food and environmental art. Some of our projects have an intergenerational focus. During the school holidays we run environmental playschemes at all our sites and are open to families of all ages.

Training for Staff

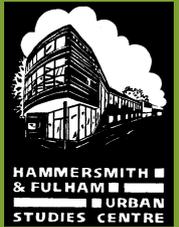
We also run a programme of CPD training session for teachers and support staff. Curriculum based and with a seasonal theme these are delivered at the glasshouses in Ravenscourt Park and at Phoenix School Farm and Learning Zone. Alternately we can produce bespoke sessions as part of inset training delivered on the school site. The Get Growing section of our website has a series of termly newsletters with suggestions of activities.



Our Partners

Hammersmith and Fulham Urban Studies Centre

We work closely with the Urban Studies Centre, a local charity who offer children and young people opportunities to learn about all aspects of the local urban environment outside the classroom including sustainability. The Centre staff are experienced in designing and developing learning materials that relate to the local area and delivering both formal and informal sessions.



Landscapes Naturally

HGCA collaborates with Landscapes Naturally to support schools, early years settings and community open space to maximise the potential of outside spaces for play and learning. We are passionate about getting children involved in design and construction, having fun and learning through very practical work with us. With over 30 years experience working in hundreds of schools (team teaching and as a landscape architect) Landscapes Naturally brings a depth of understanding to these projects.

