

Food Growing in Schools Stakeholder Event

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Welcome

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Overview of the day



Food Growing in Schools Taskforce

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“There was a Bishop, a Tabloid Journalist and the Chair of the WI sitting in a room at Defra”





Chariton Manor School



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Children's Food Campaign



Chris Collins
Blue Peter Gardener



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The co-operative



foodshare growing to give



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LONDON FOOD



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Sharing the best in Gardening

Sandwell NHS Primary Care Trust

SCHOOL FOOD TRUST

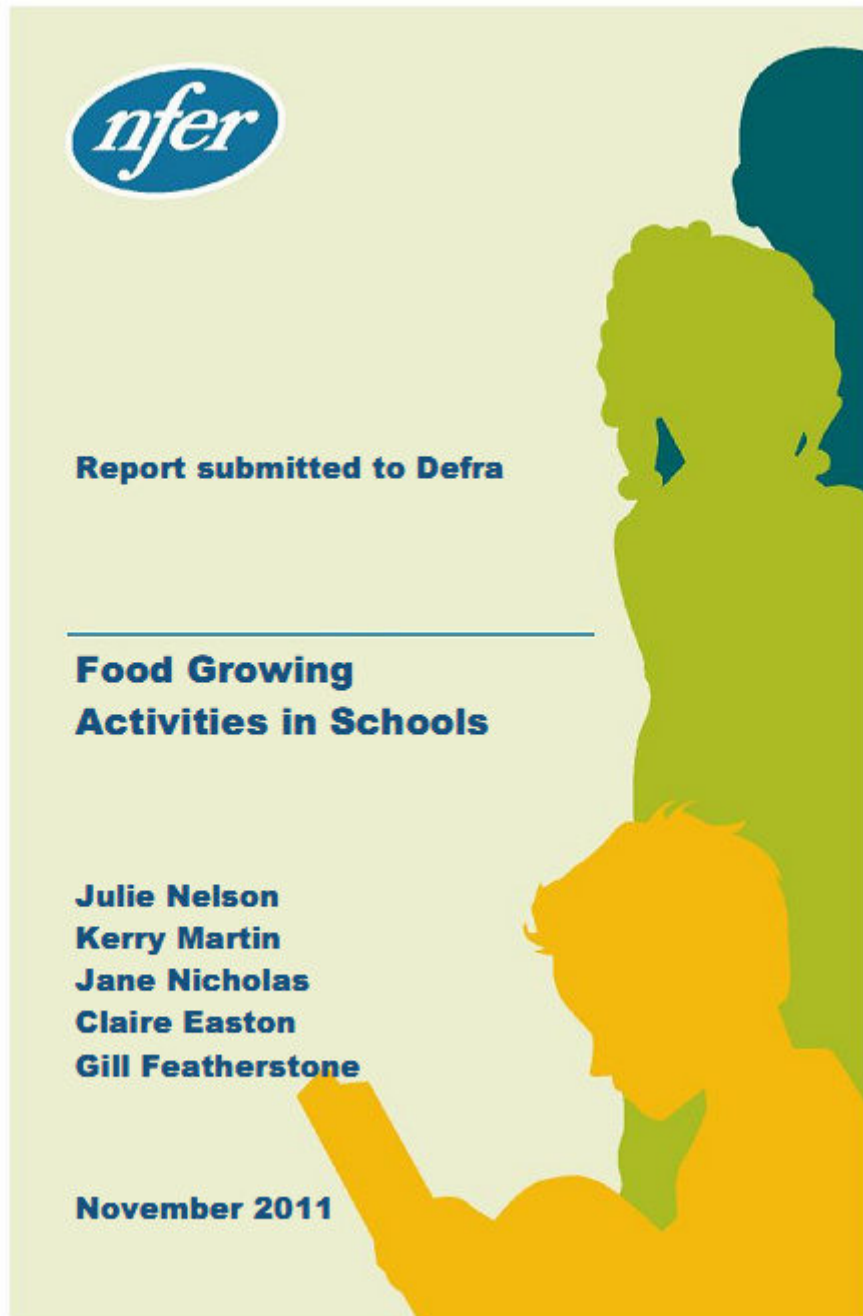


theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

garden organic

Backed up with
Defra funded
research

- *Literature Review*
- *1,300 school survey*



Benefits



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1. Supporting learning

- 1.1 Raising achievement
- 1.2 Developing skills for life
- 1.3 Improving motivation and encouraging positive behaviours



2. Enhancing health and well-being

- 2.1 Improving diet and nutrition
- 2.2 Boosting psychological health and well-being
- 2.3 Encouraging physical activity



3. Developing and improving schools

- 3.1 Developing and delivering a whole school ethos
- 3.2 Promoting student voice
- 3.3 Involving families
- 3.4 Engaging community support



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4. Strengthening communities

- 4.1 Bringing the community together
- 4.2 Improving access to fresh produce
- 4.3 Creating opportunities
- 4.4 Delivering organisational objectives

There is evidence.....

- Encourages and facilitates learning, particularly Science learning
- Builds skills, including life, enterprise and employment related, and horticultural skills
- Improves awareness and understanding of the natural environment and its importance to us



There is evidence.....

- Promotes health and well-being, particularly in relation to diet and nutrition
- Supports school improvement and development
- Strengthens communities and school-community action



The stats at first glance are great...

Over 80% of schools do
some food growing activity

80% of early years

86% of primary schools

72% of secondary schools



but....



“Although 83% of schools report that food growing has the support of senior leadership, only 49% say that food growing is regularly integrated into lessons and only 34% that food growing is part of their school’s whole policy”



Recommendations

1. A national campaign celebrating food growing in schools.
2. A policy emphasis on food growing in schools.
3. A food growing in schools online hub.
4. Business commitments to support food growing in schools.
5. Promotion of food growing by school leadership teams.
6. Making clear connections between food growing in schools and food-related and land based careers.

Thank you



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