

Food Growing Projects in School

Since 2004 Faiths4Change (formerly (Operation Eden) have supported faith communities to work in partnership with local communities and organisations to transform local environments. Our work in schools has been developing over the past two years and encompasses the same principles that have been successful in supporting faith communities.

We are offering schools planning and practical support with a particular focus on the sustainable development of food growing projects. We focus on developing partnership with the local church and wider community. We encourage you to explore how being a faith school can inform and enhance food growing. This is a unique programme for Faith Schools, successfully developed and piloted with the Diocesan Education Team.

Food growing projects support Healthy Schools, Eco Schools, Sustainable Schools & Every Child Matters.



Planning your school food growing programme in partnership: £35 per hour

Depending on your school's interests and needs, topics can include:

- Planning a community event- *support to develop and deliver an event idea to engage parents/grandparents/local people*
- Planning work with your local church- *support in linking school food growing into church life*
- Partnership working- *identifying and introducing helpful local partners to support your project*
- Advice on creating an Action Plan- *ways of creating an action plan and forming an action group*
- Recommended resources to help your project

Practical Action Support:

Workshops in school: (£200 per day) Suitable for Key Stages 1-3

- Seed planting workshop with children: *spring/early summer*
- Designing a bag garden: *all year activity*
- Planting up a bag garden/raised beds: *spring/summer*
- Creation of a Keyhole/African Garden: *any time of year*

Additional: (prices vary depending on requirements, details available)

- Plants including fruit, vegetables and flowers
- Portable raised beds (6ft x 4ft) including lettuce, spring onion, tomato and dwarf beans
- Gardening training in school for staff and volunteers

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