

### Every Child Matters – Let's Celebrate what school farms have to offer

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We are the leading UK charity dedicated to supporting city farms, school farms, community gardens and other community managed spaces.



#### There are...

- More than 2,500 community growing groups in the UK
- Over 60 city farms and over 120 school farms
- And over 300 city farms, school farms and community gardens in development.





FCFCG supports over 600 member groups who between them...

- Employ around 1000 people
- Engage and empower thousands of volunteers
- Attract more than 3 million visitors each year
- Have an estimated combined annual turnover of £40 million.



# Since we were founded in 1980 we have...

- Helped bring community growing into the mainstream
- Been at the centre of the rise in local food growing
- Picked up many supporters along the way, including our Patron HRH The Prince Of Wales.



## Childhood Connections





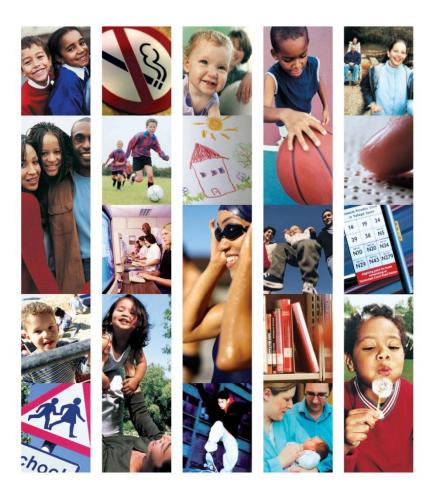
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- 2003 report
- Still as important today as ever!



#### **Thanks**

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