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

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Image: Greenmeadow Community Farm, Cwmbran

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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.

Image: Windmill Hill City Farm, Bristol
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.

Image: Hopwood Lane, Halifax
Childhood Connections
Every Child Matters

• 2003 report
• Still as important today as ever!
Thanks
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