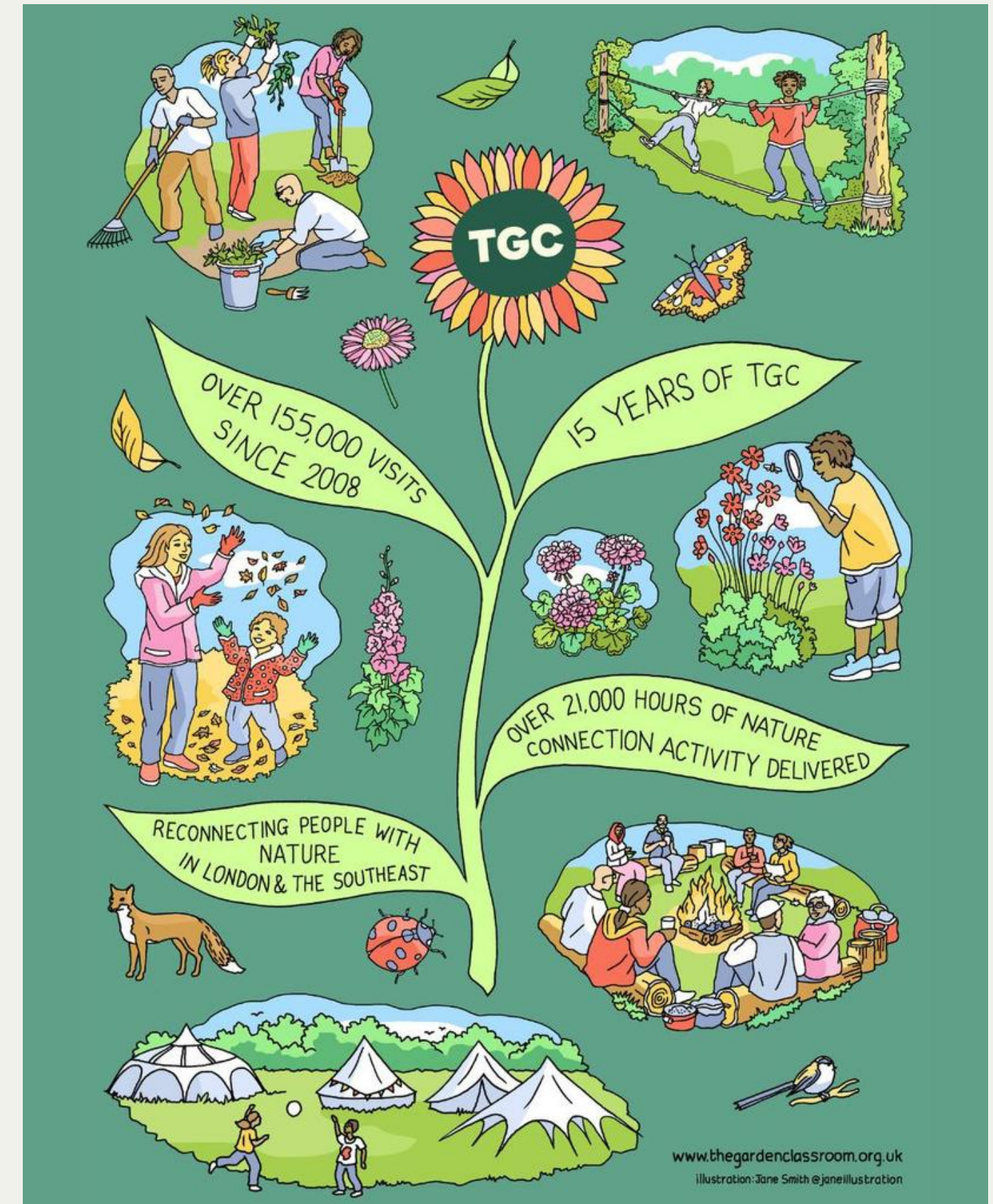


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The Garden Classroom

Let's Talk
October 2026



The Garden Classroom

Reconnecting with nature

Providing urban children and adults with transformative outdoor experiences devised to encourage active lifestyles, promote self-discovery, inspire growth and stimulate respect for nature.

Every year we deliver 1,800 half day activities to over 11,000 people in Hackney and Islington.

Today, I'm going to tell you about TGC and three of our FREE projects you can get involved in.

Find out more:

www.thegardenclassroom.org.uk



55%

of the world's GDP is
dependent on nature
(PwC, 2023)



1/4

of all children
cannot identify
a conker
Statistica (2019)

83%

of children in the
UK can't identify a
bumblebee
Statistica (2019)



65%

of all children
cannot identify
a bluetit
Statistica (2019)



1/4

of all children
cannot identify
a robin
Statistica (2019)

42%

of all children in the
UK can't identify a
dandelion
Statistica (2019)

69%

decline in wildlife
globally since 1970
(Living Planet Report)

1/2

of all children in the UK
can't identify a stinging
nettle Statistica (2019)



8 out of 10

children in the UK can't name
an oak leaf Statistica (2019)

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no one will protect what they don't
care about and no one will care
about what they have never
experienced

david attenborough

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Discussion:

Your nature connection memories from childhood.



How to get involved...

3 projects:

- FREE weekly gardening groups
- FREE weekly food growing project
- FREE regular Wellbeing Walks

Green Guardians

Join our gardening groups around Islington.

- For all ages
- Spend time in nature
- Gain and give gardening skills
- No experience needed!
- Led by the TGC team
- All tools and gloves provided
- Refreshments every week
- Improve biodiversity - garden for wildlife
- No booking needed- just turn up!
- Islington in Bloom winners!

Venues:

- Newington Green (weekly on Wednesdays)
- Market Road Gardens (weekly on Wednesdays)
- Foxham Gardens (on specific dates)



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The Garden Classroom GREEN GUARDIANS

COMMUNITY GARDENING NEWINGTON GREEN

AUTUMN 2026
WEDNESDAYS 10AM-12PM

SEPTEMBER: 16TH, 23RD, 30TH

OCTOBER: 7TH, 14TH, 21ST

NOVEMBER: 4TH, 11TH, 18TH, 25TH

DECEMBER: 2ND, 9TH, 16TH

NEWINGTON GREEN N16 9PX

IF YOU ENJOY GARDENING, BEING OUT IN NATURE,
MEETING NEW PEOPLE, WHY NOT JOIN OUR FREE DROP-IN
GARDENING GROUP ON NEWINGTON GREEN

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, AND
WE PROVIDE GLOVES, TOOLS AND REFRESHMENTS

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COMMUNITY GARDENING MARKET RD GARDEN

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MARKET ROAD GARDEN N7 9PW

**IF YOU ENJOY GARDENING, BEING OUT IN NATURE,
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GARDENING GROUP IN MARKET ROAD GARDEN**

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COMMUNITY GARDENING FOXHAM GARDENS

AUTUMN 2026

TUESDAYS 10^{AM} - 12^{PM}

(EXCEPT 20TH OCTOBER 11^{AM} - 1^{PM})

October 13th - Prepare for
wildlife-friendly planting

November 10th - Wildlife
gardening

October 20th - Wildlife-
friendly planting

November 17th - Coppicing
and dead hedging

November 3rd - Spreading bark

November 24th - Planting
native hedging

FOXHAM GARDENS, FOXHAM RD N19 4RR

**IF YOU ENJOY GARDENING, BEING OUT IN NATURE,
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New site!

Come and help!

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Urban Food Growing

Join our Urban Food Growing Project

- For all ages
- Spend time in nature
- Share food growing skills
- No experience needed!
- Led by the TGC team
- All tools and gloves provided
- Refreshments every week
- No booking needed- just turn up!

At St Jude's Street Community Garden

On Thursdays, 10am-12noon

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URBAN FOOD GROWING

St Jude Street Community Garden

If you'd like to learn more about food growing, share your skills, get your hands dirty, or simply enjoy being outdoors, come and join us

THURSDAYS
10^{AM} - 12^{PM}

OCTOBER
1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

NOVEMBER
5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

DECEMBER
3rd & 10th

St Jude Street Gardens,
St Jude Street, N16 8JT

EVERYONE WELCOME

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Wellbeing Walks



What people say about our walks:

"Yesterday was an inspiration. I had the loveliest day out; thank you for leading me to a hidden gem."

"It's lovely what you do. It really helps me to slow down and notice so many things I wouldn't otherwise. And I always learn something new. Thank you."

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Wellbeing Walks in Islington 2026 -2027

November

Friday 6th November, New River Walk,

Meeting point: Gate entrance on Saint Paul's Road, N1 2QP

Friday 20th November at Barnsbury Wood Local Nature Reserve. Meeting point: N1 1BW

December

Friday 4th December, Highbury Fields, Meeting point: Outside Highbury fields Leisure Centre, N5 1RR

Friday 18th December, Thornhill Road Gardens. Meeting point: Thornhill Rd, N1 OLU

January

Friday 8th January, New River Walk, Meeting point: Gate entrance on Saint Paul's Road, N1 2QP

Friday 22nd January, Barnsbury Wood Nature Reserve. Meeting point: N1 1BW

February

Friday 5th February, Highbury Fields, Meeting point: Outside Highbury fields Leisure Centre, N5 1RR,

Friday 26th February, Thornhill Road Gardens. Meeting point: Thornhill Rd, N1 OLU

March

Friday 5th March, New River Walk, Meeting point: Gate entrance on Saint Paul's Road, N1 2QP

Friday 19th March, Barnsbury Wood Nature Reserve. Meeting point: N1 1BW

April

Friday 16th April at Highbury Fields, Meeting point: Outside Highbury fields Leisure Centre, N5 1RR

Friday 30th April at Barnsbury Wood Nature Reserve. Meeting point: N1 1BW

Want to know more?

Keep an eye on our website for dates and information:

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Or join our mailing lists by emailing us:

For gardening and food growing groups: greenspaces@thegardenclassroom.org.uk

For Wellbeing Walks: cat.jones@thegardenclassroom.org.uk

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Any Questions?