

# OUR CITY



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COMMUNITY FOOD GROWERS NETWORK

# Community Food Growers Network established in 2010:

- > Meet growers (social)
- > Find out news
- > Knowledge + skills share
- > Visit different food projects
- > Sense of community
- > Celebrate harvests
- > Collective voice (manifesto)

**[www.cfgn.org.uk](http://www.cfgn.org.uk)**

# Every community needs access to fresh and healthy foods

DUAL APPROACH;

Create + control our own food systems  
&  
Challenge unsustainable food production

Increase community food activity through;  
education // awareness building // lobbying //  
direct action at regional + national level.

“An injury to one is an injury to all”

- // Community Building - diverse space
- // Physical well being - healthy food
- // Mental well being
- // Environmental - biodiversity + reduce emissions
- // Economy - individual + community self-reliance
- // Produce food for real need

# MEMBERS

Community Centred Knowledge - Kings Cross  
Common Ground - Kings Cross  
Living Under One Sun - Tottenham

Growing Communities Patchwork Farm - Hackney  
Organiclea - Chingford  
E2 Canal Club - Bethnal Green  
Get Growing - Hackney  
Forty Hall Farm - Enfield

Papa's Park - Brixton  
Sutton Community Farm - Sutton

London Community Housing Co-op- Westminster  
Grow Heathrow - Sipson

+ relationships with many garden projects

Lost projects in Brixton, Tottenham + Elephant & Castle due to gentrification



KEEP GROW HEATHROW ALIVE

[WWW.TRANSITIONHEATHROW.COM](http://WWW.TRANSITIONHEATHROW.COM)

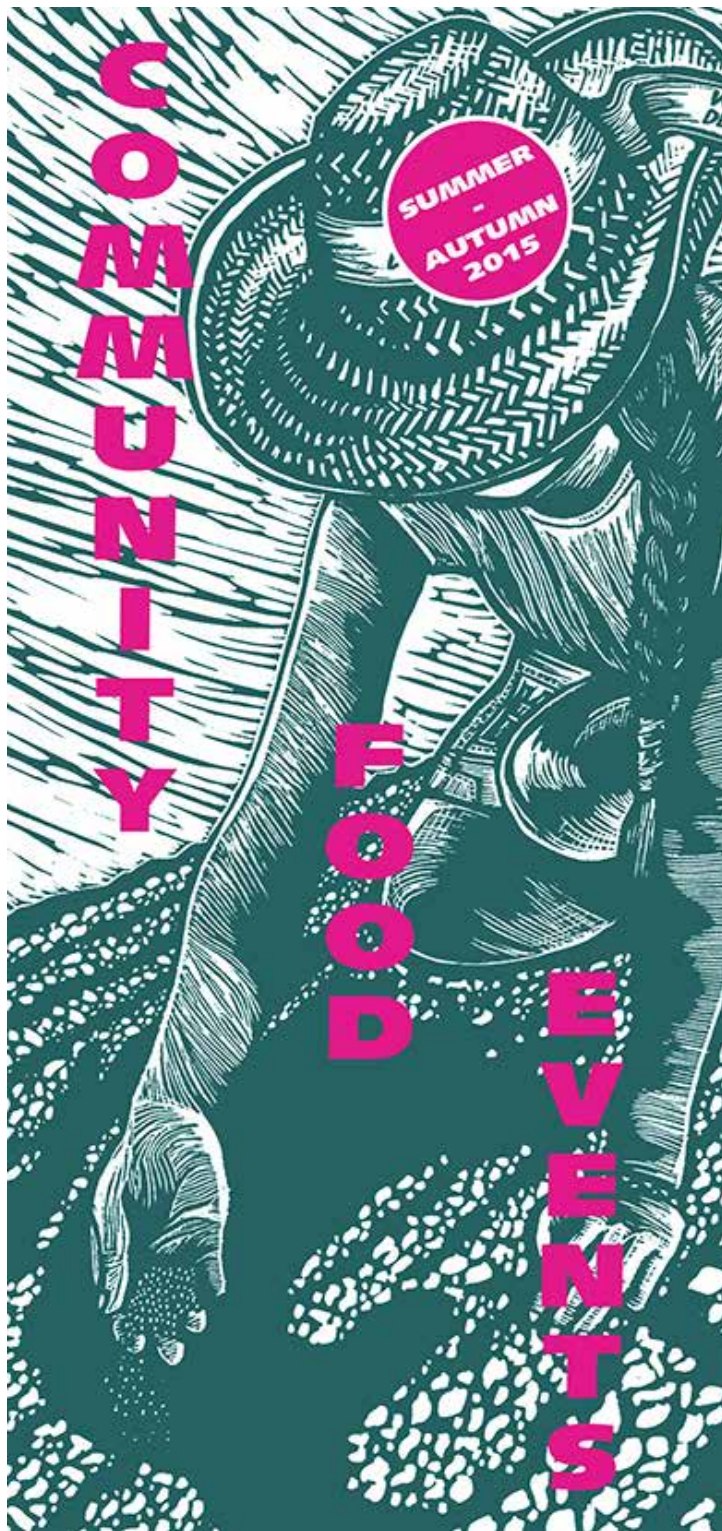




4 gatherings a year  
at different  
community growing  
projects

Quarterly newsletter  
'The Plot' + monthly  
round-up e-bulletin;  
to share news +  
ideas





8 events in the  
spring + 8 in the  
summer on relevant  
topics + trainings

**28th June**

**GROWERS SUMMER GATHERING**  
Organiclea, Hawkwood, E4 7UH  
12-4pm

**21st July**

**WHY DO YOU EAT?- SHAPING FOOD  
SYSTEMS FROM NEED- WORKSHOP**  
The Spark Space, Brady Arts Centre, E1 5HU  
4-6pm

**23rd July**

**"PINCH OUT A LIVING"- WORKSHOP  
+ FILM**  
Forest Recycling Project, E17 9AW  
6.30pm-8.30pm

**26th July**

**CULINARY COLONIALISM + CULTURAL  
APPROPRIATIONS- WORKSHOP**  
The Spark Space, Brady Arts Centre, E1 5HU  
10am-1pm

**6th August**

**WHY ORGANIC?- DISCUSSION**  
Hornbeam Cafe, E17 9AH  
7-9pm

**27th August**

**ZAPATISTA!- FILM**  
Hornbeam Cafe, E17 9AH  
6.30-8.30pm

**19th September**

**LONDON COMMUNITY FOOD MAP LAUNCH**  
Calthorpe Project, WC1X 8LH  
2-5pm

**26th September**

**FARM HACK- WORKSHOP**  
Forty Hall Farm, EN2 9HA  
10am-4pm

**23rd - 26th October**

**UK FOOD SOVEREIGNTY GATHERING**  
Birchcliffe Centre, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8DG

See the website + social media for full details:

[www.cfgn.org.uk](http://www.cfgn.org.uk)  
[facebook/cfgnetwork](https://facebook.com/cfgnetwork)  
[@cfgn\\_growers](https://twitter.com/cfgn_growers)

**Landworkers' Alliance- Lobbying of DEFRA**  
in 2012, 1,106 landholdings received over  
£150,000 in direct payments totalling  
£398,516,669.75. Common Agriculture Policy.



**No to GMO, 2011**

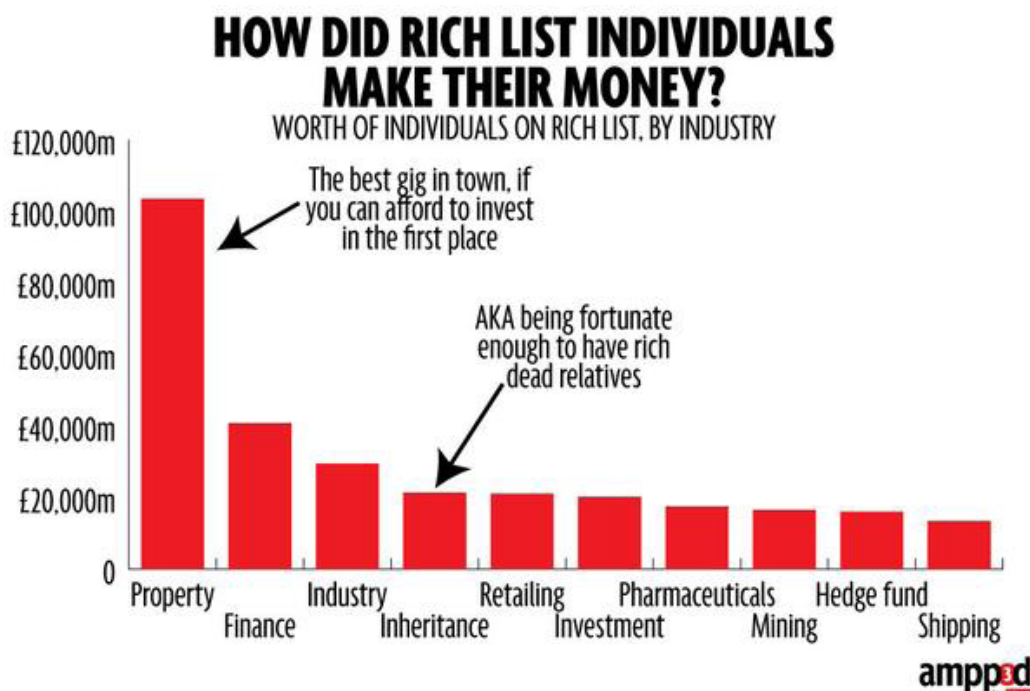




# Land ownership + Gentrification



- > 1% UK population owns 70% of land
- > London as safe investment for property speculators
- > 'Organic food' indicator of Gentrification
- > Common ground of access to land for food and housing- beginning to work together
- > Radical Housing Network + MIPIM protests



## **LAND IN LONDON**

- > Security of tenure: a minimum of ten year contracts for rent/ lease of land; ultimately resulting in collective ownership by the group/groups/network.
- > No Group to be evicted from their land without a full local referendum, unless they consent to the offer of alternative premises.
- > Affordable community space in council/social housing
- > List of available land from councils
- > What % of land goes to food production?

## **GOVERNMENT LOBBYING**

- > Land value tax, inheritance tax
- > Laws around empty properties
- > Rent Cap / Rent Strike

## **TRAINING**

- > Cuts to training
- > Food works programme at Organiclea

## **ENTEPRISE / LIVELIHOODS**

- > Tension between London living livelihoods / CAP funding / Cost of land rental
  - - -> local, organic food affordable?
- > Methods to make food accessible to all
- > CSA's funding for low income / volunteering with food at end of session
- > looking at ways to make sure fresh organic food accessible to all

## **AUSTERITY!**

Community space  
Access to healthy food  
Strong grassroots organisations

- - -> vital role to play in coming years!