

Feast

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with The London International Festival of Theatre,
Rosendale Primary School and Rosendale Allotment
Association

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Growing an alternative 'School Dinner'

A year-long project to create a celebratory school dinner that was grown, harvested, cooked and served by primary school children. The children worked in partnership with an allotment association, a gardener, a chef and a team of five artists.

Artists in residence for each season ran weekly workshops to devise public celebrations connected with the growing cycle and to create something towards the final feast. The allotment became an outdoor classroom for exploring all areas of the curriculum.

The project culminated in a fire-lit outdoor feast for 400 people on the allotment eating a dinner that had literally been grown under the diner's feet and harvested, cooked and served by the children.



About the team

Clare Patey is an award winning artist and curator who creates participatory art projects and social spaces. She has worked nationally and internationally on commissions including: the London International Festival of Theatre, Channel 4 (winner of RTS award), Southbank Centre and The National Theatre. She is currently director of The Empathy Museum and part of the Edible Utopia collective creating an urban farm at Somerset House, London.

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Space typology Community Space / Garden

Intention Celebrating / Educating / Enjoying / Exchanging / Experimenting / Gathering / Raising awareness

Action Cooking food / Eating food / Growing food / Recycling food / Serving food / Sharing food