Education

Education and co-creation of knowledge is at the heart of what we do. Our farmers and facilitators work with students, teachers, local community and volunteers to help shape the farm, making it more resilient and relevant.

Resilience

resilient in many ways; it is resilient us there, and we are more resilient to outside factors in the market like Covid-19 and Brexit. We encourage resilience amongst our children and young people through mindfulness



Synergies

Understanding natural relationships is key to creating a healthy farm that can demonstrate a model that is strong in the face of climate change. For example, understanding that clover adds nutrients to soil so we don't need artificial fertilizer or understanding that woodchip encourages fungi that feed our vegetables.

Diversity

Diversity in plants and people. As farmers we understand that nature loves diversity. We grow a diverse range of crops, we encourage biodiversity on the farm. We encourage our customers to enjoy a diverse diet and promote diversity on the farm.

Efficiency

Innovative agroecological practices produce more using less external resources. We try to create as much of what we need on the farm as possible so that we do not need to buy in. For example, we take leaf litter from the school maintenance team and turn it into compost. We also sell our vegetables to school families so that they don't need to travel to buy their fresh produce.



From turning school food waste into compost to recycling nutrients to storing rainwater on the farm. we try to mirror nature, which wastes nothing.

Circular

consumers and buying, allowing you to buy your food directly from the person that grows it, creating local solutions that can be replicated

Economy

Our farm aims to reconnect on a global scale.





We believe that our farm is to the impact of climate change, our local community is more resilient with and outdoor learning.



Human and Social Values

The farm is about all living things, humans included. We aim to protect and improve livelihoods and social wellbeing through our education and community programmes.

Culture and Food Traditions

We understand the power of food to educate and unite and believe it can be a vital tool when integrated into the school day. Our food goes straight to the canteen, to our box scheme customers and to restaurants, supporting healthy eating habits and growing food that is accessible.

We aim to run everything at GROW, from the farm through to lessons, using responsible, fair and transparent systems.

Responsible

Governance

Agroecology is a big word.

Agro means field in greek. This bit relates to farms and farming. Ecology means the study of organisms and how they relate to each other. This can describe the relationship between soil bacteria right up to trade relations between countries.

So Agroecology, put simply, means the practice by which farming can impact the world around us.

At GROW, we believe that people can change the world through even the smallest of actions, and we believe in the power of education and community to do that.

To learn more about agroecology visit fao.org/agroecology

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