Bridge Central London Skills Partnership Green case study: Sustainable Teaching Garden, Morley College

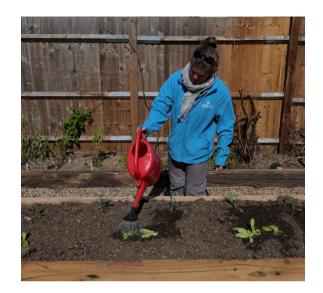
Morley College London designed a transformative, sustainable teaching garden at its Stockwell Centre to prioritise sustainability, accessibility, and education. This initiative, developed in collaboration with Bankside Open Spaces Trust and funded by the LSIF, aims to serve as a vibrant hub for education, community engagement, and green career pathways.

Beyond a green space, the garden serves as a community learning and development platform and supports Morley College's broader sustainability initiatives, including the Green Hub. This innovative space hosts workshops and courses on environmental awareness and practical green skills, such as sustainable gardening and eco-friendly practices. It also encourages sustainable procurement by selecting suppliers who meet strict environmental standards and features installations like solar lighting and indoor plants that purify the air.

The garden exemplifies how educational institutions can integrate environmental stewardship with community engagement. By providing accessible green spaces and practical learning opportunities, the College fosters a culture of sustainability and empowers individuals to pursue green careers.

Key features:

- A crop rotation system that enhances soil health and diminishes plant diseases
- An accessible design of raised beds, wheelchair-friendly pathways, and sensory planting to support visually impaired visitors
- Using recycled materials, including repurposed safety surfacing from an old nursery and upcycled timber in construction.



It's amazing to see this garden come to life. It's like a little oasis right in the middle of South London—a space for students and residents to come together, not just for wellbeing, but also for learning and job opportunities.

This is a massive step forward.

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