

## Appendix 2: Open Spaces Departmental Learning Framework

### Learning in Green Spaces

23 million people visit our spaces in and beyond the City of London each year. Along with managing the conservation of these incredible spaces, we concentrate on making a positive and meaningful impact on the communities who use them. We create engaging opportunities to connect people, particularly from deprived and urban communities, more powerfully to their local green space.

We are concerned that London's children are becoming disconnected from the natural world, and we know that children in deprived areas of London face more barriers than most to accessing nature. Our green spaces are often located near areas of high deprivation which makes us uniquely placed to tackle this challenge head on. Our goal is to get people outdoors to experience the good feelings and health benefits that we all know come from spending time in green spaces.

In order to tackle this challenge, we design projects and services that deliver impact in our local communities, connecting them more powerfully to their local green spaces. We focus our work on five impact areas we feel are the stepping stones to increasing connection to nature and green spaces. We are committed to being inclusive but we focus our limited resources on the communities who need us the most.

#### What we are trying to do

Make a positive impact on communities who use or border our green spaces through learning activities

#### By positive impact we mean...

##### Understanding

People understand the value and importance of green space

##### Confidence

People are confident to use green spaces, as part of our activities or independently

##### Involvement

People take positive action for, and get involved with, green spaces

##### Wellbeing

People have restorative and meaningful experiences in green spaces

##### Connection

People develop a sense of place with green spaces, and pass this down through generations

The City of London provides 14 green spaces in and around London for the benefit of local communities. Most are registered charities operating at little cost to the general public.