

February 2019

## School Group Visits at BBC Gardeners' World Live this summer

13-16 June 2019 | Birmingham NEC

BBC Gardeners' World Live organisers are pleased to announce that the dedicated schools day returns at the NEC Show, 13-16 June 2019.

Schools will be able to book special tickets for Thursday 13 June 2019 with the option to add seats in advance to the dedicated **BBC Gardeners' World Live Theatre schools session** at **11:30am**, free of charge with **Lee Connelly**, the **Skinny Jean Gardener** of Blue Peter fame. **School tickets are just £17** per pupil (plus one teacher ticket free with every eight bought). This 30-minute theatre session will be packed with energy and enthusiasm, and will leave the teachers as inspired as the kids!

As part of the day out, school groups will discover a vast variety of plants in the **Floral Marquee** including Carnivorous Plants, Air Plants, Bonsai and Cacti – favourites amongst the younger visitors! Teachers are encouraged to discuss interesting designs and ideas whilst exploring the **Show Gardens**, giving pupils inspiration for future projects.

**NEW for 2019! The Teapot Plant Pot Competition** is a gardening competition inviting Early Years nurseries, pre-school settings and reception classes. This competition is a simple and fun gardening activity devised to complement the EYFS Statutory Framework. As well as the planting activity, the children will need to nurture and care for their plants for them to grow and thrive in their containers. As part of the competition the Early Years leaders and Reception Year teachers are to offer up their Teapot Plant Pots with residents of a local elderly or care home. Final entries will be submitted by photograph with a selection of the best displayed in the **Floral Marquee** at the Show. Register your interest by 1 March.

Local schools can take part in the ever-popular **School Wheelbarrow Competition**, which has a new theme for 2019: Around the World. Schools are encouraged to look at the plants and gardens, as well as the architecture and cultures, of the world for their inspiration, creating a homage to their chosen land in the space of a barrow! Visiting School Groups will be able to explore the wheelbarrows, planted up with fresh ingredients for a tasty recipe.

Plus, every ticket includes free entry to the **BBC Good Food Show**, so the day out will run seamlessly from plot to plate!

**SCHOOLS, RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!** Contact the Group Box Office on 0800 358 0058 for more details and to reserve your School Group tickets. You'll have plenty of time to firm up numbers before making payment. The payment deadline is 6 May 2019.

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**Ends**

For more information please contact Laura Loveday on [laura.loveday@riverstreetevents.co.uk](mailto:laura.loveday@riverstreetevents.co.uk) or call 020 3405 4286.

To apply for **The Teapot Plant Pot Competition** or to find out more information please contact Louise on 07894 409 643/ [louise.jackson@riverstreetevents.co.uk](mailto:louise.jackson@riverstreetevents.co.uk)

To apply for **The Wheelbarrow Competition** or to find out more information please contact Lucy at [lucy.tremlett@riverstreetevents.co.uk](mailto:lucy.tremlett@riverstreetevents.co.uk)

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