

International Green Roof Association Global Networking for Green Roofs



Project Data

Project:	North Harringey Primary School
Client:	London Community Herbalists
Location (City, Country):	London, UK
Year of Construction:	2005
Roof Size:	350 sqm
Building Type:	School
Green Roof Type:	Intensive
Vegetation:	Herbs, vegetables
Architect/Designer:	Melissa Ronaldson, London Community Herbalists
Contractor:	Tilbury Contracts, Parents of School Children

“Unique Green Roof Helps Community Flower”

This inspirational project involved the creation of a garden on the roof of the school gymnasium and is a classic case of how the footprint of a structure can be given back to the community.

The project was the brainchild of Melissa Ronaldson of the London Community Herbalists (LCH) who has developed a long-standing relationship with the school. LCH has been working with pupils, educating them on where their food comes from and how naturally-occurring plants can provide basic medicinal benefits and remedies.

After visiting the gymnasium roof to gather up some discarded plant pots, Melissa Ronaldson had the idea of creating a roof garden that would also return ‘a dead space’ back to the community.

The facility was match-funded by the local authority and is now used on a regular basis as part of the school curriculum for educational and community purposes.

“The international roof garden uses sustainable building technologies, and features plants that can be used for food and for medicine. Our planting, the atmosphere and aim of our garden is to value, and celebrate the rich cultural diversity, knowledge and tradition of our local area.” commented a spokesperson for London Community Herbalists.



Alumasc Exterior Building Products Ltd provides a unique fusion of premium products, technical expertise and project support to the construction market. Alumasc’s ZinCo green roof systems are designed to suit every type of roof structure from

the “Ecological Protection layer” provided by extensive landscaping, to the fully developed “Parkland on the roof” that can be achieved with Intensive landscaping. Green Roofs benefit the wider environment through their positive impact on sustainability, biodiversity and the attenuation of storm water, making our cities better and healthier places to live.