



**KENTISH TOWN CITY FARM INVITES YOU TO THE PRESS OPENING OF ITS 40TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATORY EXHIBITION**

15TH DECEMBER 2012 FROM 2PM

EXHIBITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 17TH DECEMBER 2012 TO 8TH JANUARY 2013

Kentish Town City Farm will turn 40 years old this year and to celebrate we are holding an exhibition charting the farm's activities from its inception in the 1970s right up to the present day. Using material from our own archives and newly researched material, expect local history, photographs you thought were lost forever, sound installations, and film – old and new! There's even a 'Do you know these people' board! So if you've lived in Gospel Oak, you may well be featured.

Kentish Town City Farm, originally City Farm 1, was the first city farm to be started in London by InterAction Trust in 1972. Since then, the former co-op has gone through a number of changes, both organisationally and physically, managing to sustain itself through tough times while still offering a much needed resource to the local community's children and adults, and specifically to some of its most marginalised members.

The farm was awarded a grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund to work with a group of young people to get involved with the research, collection and documentation of the project, learning new skills from archival research to photography to filmmaking. Undertaking research around Kentish Town and Gospel Oak area they spoke to people living in the area over the last 40 years, and to some who have been here even longer. Volunteers and residents alike reflected on their experiences of coming to the farm and recorded these on film. You can see their films included in the exhibition alongside a host of film footage past and present. Films charting some of the memorable moments from the farm's beginnings and Gospel Oak in the 1970s to the present day will also be shown.

The Amazing Story of Talacre, by Inter-Action, shows the farm in the early 1970s – the then bombed-out site where they started to introduce play activities for the children of the local area. There's also footage of Prince Charles' visit to the farm in 1976. We commissioned a local filmmaker to produce a documentary featuring local people who have lived and worked in the area since the 1970s. They tell the story of how it was, and how it is now.

To join us at the **Press Opening on 15th December 2012**, 2pm to 8pm please RSVP to simone@kctcityfarm.org.uk. The event opens to the general public from 17th December 2012.

Information about the event

Dates: 17th December 2012 to 6th January 2013

Times: 9am to 5pm, daily

Location: Kentish Town City Farm, 1 Cressfield Close, London, NW5 4BN

Price: FREE