

Victoria Sherwin is development manager at Myatt's Fields Park, a small Victorian heritage space in Lambeth, London. Over the past twenty years she has helped to develop the park as a genuine community space that aims to serve and include the very diverse and often marginalised community that lives in the neighbourhood. Through work with food growing and cooking programmes, she has helped to bring together people from more than 75 nationalities and build a neighbourhood network of more than 60 organisations. Building on wealth of local cultural heritage, she is exploring how nature-based solutions (food growing and a high quality natural environment) can be used to create a sustainable resilient community that can respond to climate crisis. This includes using knowledge about food from all over the world to create prosperity, and fundamentally how food can help build relationships amidst conflict. She has helped to raise more than £3 million to renovate the park in 2010, and is currently leading a project to make the management of the park more inclusive and representative of local communities.