

## 2019 RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE GARDEN FESTIVAL GLOBAL IMPACT GARDENS

This category showcases how plants and design can address the hot topics we face today in a creative and show-stopping way. Empowering gardeners to meet the challenges we face whether it is a social, economic or environmental issues, this category acts as a platform for conversation.

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### 1) Believe in Tomorrow

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This garden's mission is to get more children outside; to learn, enjoy, understand and be inspired by the small pockets of time and nature they have. 'Believe in Tomorrow' is a vision for the ideal primary school garden. It will have education at its heart and hopes to show visitors that by just stepping outside you can entertain and enthral children, whether at school or at home.



Based on the four main elements of nature (earth, fire, wind and water), this walk-through garden will be part oasis, part playground and part classroom attached to a school building. Its key features will include a pond, a log arch and moveable fire pit, a compost area, a raised lawn with wildflowers and edible planting beds, alongside secret pathways with secluded spots.

It has multiple areas so that children can move from one to another as their focus shifts and lends itself to lessons covering a huge range of topics in the small space.

Getting children reconnected with nature is imperative to their happiness in this urban and digital age. Every aspect of the garden aims to draw children as well as adults into it and to keep them there for as long as possible to give them a chance to recharge and reinvigorate.

## Planting/Colour Scheme

The design incorporates plants from around the world which can be used to teach children about the history of plant hunters and Latin language. Apple trees will be used for learning about pollination and growing produce. Coppiced *Salix* (willow) will be used for learning about wood management and provides materials for creative purposes like sculpting.

The multi-stem woodland delivers perfect climbing-frames for children to make a space of their own and introduce den making into their play.

The planting areas will all link back to their elements; a fire planting bed will feature lots of hot colours, a wind area with grasses will create movement and sound, a water area around the pond and an exploring area with edibles.

## **2) The Forest Will See You Now**

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The garden aims to highlight the benefits of the forest environment and nature. It recreates a 'Forest' which is contained by an oversized packet of pills, depicting the message that nature itself is medicine and can help alleviate and possibly cure many 21st century ailments we currently face.



The green setting, soothing sounds and being connected to nature, have been shown to reduce stress, lower blood pressure, increase concentration and improve mood.

As the visitor moves through the Forest they will come across a large boulder with patches and mounds of tactile moss. A fallen decaying tree with its roots on display recreates nature's beauty and allows the visitor to stop for a moment and take in the natural features on display.

The garden follows from the designer's first-hand experience as a horticultural therapist of the huge benefits working in a natural environment can give.

## Planting/Colour Scheme

Visitors will initially see the large blister packet of pills enclosing the space, which will be created by a local art college and painted in a 'hyperreal' fashion.

The forest will be made up of mainly deciduous broadleaf mix of trees commonly found in the UK with an understory of bracken, bush hawthorn, holly and rowan. Recognisable woodland trees will include *Betula utilis*, *Pinus sylvestris*, *Corylus avellana*, *Taxus baccata*. The forest edge will be a mixture of shade loving meadow grass.