

**Urban Organisms** (Julia Heslop, Sabina Sallis and Lauren Healey)

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Urban Organisms was a project curated by artists Julia Heslop and Sabina Sallis and arts producer Lauren Healey, in collaboration with The NewBridge Project in Newcastle.

The project examined and creatively explored food sustainability within cities, taking a holistic approach to sustainability – one that fused the ecological, cultural, political and economic aspects of food production and consumption. The NewBridge Project Space acted as a flexible 'hub' of activity over the course of a month, hosting an exhibition of artworks by local and international artists and a programme of events that included workshops, film screenings, community dinners, walks and talks.

Urban Organisms worked across disciplines to connect up the creative, community and academic arenas in order to offer an analytical and participatory approach to urban food sustainability, in order to connect the global issue of food security in an ever-increasing world population with the local context of food poverty in the North-East of England. Rather than providing answers to how we can best use the earth's resources, the project created an evolving space for the encouragement of debate, conversation and new ideas.

