

Farm



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Already it's October and the nights are closing in: I can't believe how quickly this summer has gone! Here's a round up of our news, hope you enjoy it.
Chris Pounds – Farm Manager



Hackney City Farm Open Day

Early in September the Farm staged its annual open day. Blessed with the only dry day in a wet week over one thousand visitors pored in to take part in the activities.

Volunteers and Farm staff worked hard to put on displays, build the sound system, provide tractor and trailer rides and put up all the gazebos and the tent. Highlights included: the children's tug o' war, the food and bar provided by **Frizzante** and the **Albion** respectively, and the many eco-groups attending. This was also the first showing of **Cine Soleil** – the Farms mini mobile cinema (for more about this check out the rest of the news letter).

Cine Soleil

Firstly, we bought a second-hand taxi and decided to run it on bio-diesel. 'Aha'; we thought: why don't we black out the windows, install a DVD player and use it to show films made on the Farm. It wasn't quite as easy as that, but with some hard work by staff and volunteers this is how our mini cinema has evolved.

Of course, in keeping with the Farm, the electricity to power the cinema is provided by solar panels on the roof and a wind turbine mounted on the rear. Look out for the **Cine Soleil** at an event near you or alternatively, it can be hired out to support an event. Please contact the Farm for further details.



Watch the Birdie!

The Farm continues to be popular with photo shoots and media buffs. Recently, pictures awarded 'high reserve placing' in both the **Guardian Food Photo Competition** and the **Natures Path Envirokidz Competition** featured the Farm's chicken. Various camera crews have filmed farm animals for TV shows and the Farm continues to supply hay and straw to **London film studios**. The Farm was recently chosen to take part in a **Radio 4** feature on **Farms and the National Curriculum** – real animal noises accompanied the interview!

