ROOTED COLOUR

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Is a collaborative project hosted by The Remakery to support the growing processing and use of natural Dyes in London, for upcycling, textile manufacture and a greener, healthier economy.

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4 Community Gardens piloted the project.

Over the year, The Remakery and natural Dye specialist Zoe Burt hosted 4 seasonal natural dye sessions.











As a group we developed knowledge on
Sowing, Propagating, Harvesting and Preserving natural dye plants,
as well as developing a green economy that could support this work in the community.

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Project Expands to 12 Community Gardens And Black Growth Market Garden



This year the focus was on dyeing at midscale.

With funding support from Awards for All Environment Fund we were able to expand the project for 2026.

The Remakery installed a lab in 2025 to support a range of practices, connecting our members and the local community to the land through practices where chemical products are replaced with circular and natural alternatives.

From researching and consulting with natural dyers, we concluded that there is an infrastructure gap that stops Natural Dye being used more widely.

This gap includes, space, dedicated large sink and vats, and some specialist equipment.

In year 2 we have continued to explore what we need in terms of equipment, that can kickstart the use of Natural Dyes in Lambeth, and a new green economy forming.

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BUILDING CAPACITY

Dyeing larger quantities of fabric needs larger quantities of plants.

Accessing new space for growing in London is a major cost, so we took a networked approach to expand the land, growing skills and labour needed through collaborating with 12 Community Gardens.



Each garden was allocated a dedicated dye session through the funding, to share the skills and vision with their own volunteers.
Capacity was built through reciprocity which spreads the risk of innovative, pioneering approaches to green economy.











Our funding allowed us to support a 3m bed for indigo cultivation at the Black Growth Market Garden in Croydon.

We experimented with a midscale planting system to aim for ease of propagation on the bigger scale.

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EXPLORING APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY

Experimenting with a japanese paperpot planter at Market Garden Scale

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SHARING KNOWLEDGE

Black Growth Community Day Dye Workshop

















2026 Harvest so far

Over 4 Kg

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HARVEST AND PROCESSING

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NEW SYSTEMS







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Regular Community Dye Lots

upcycle, refresh or redesign your garments with natural colour

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