

Nature nurtures: engaging the urban child in nature-based learning

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Launched in 2007, the Jacob Ballas Children's Garden is the first garden in Asia dedicated to children. The garden is specially designed for young explorers to delve into the ecology of plants and our environment through discovery and experiential learning. Children can immerse themselves in outdoor play as they explore the flora and fauna, and find respite from the bustle of urban life. The garden sets the stage for a diverse array of educational outreach programmes crafted by the Singapore Botanic Gardens Education team, designed to captivate and engage young minds in nature-based learning. This presentation provides an overview of the Gardens' outreach to young children, as well as our strategy to deepen engagement and increase the impact of our programmes so as to nurture a community committed to environmental stewardship.