

DAISY: Get Writing Micro-podcast: Week 4 - The city transformed

Urban farmers are transforming cities by turning disused or neglected land into vegetable patches. They're teaching people how to grow food and providing fresh produce in food deserts where all you can buy is processed. Where I live a beautiful garden sprang up on a building site a few years ago. It was temporary, but in some places city streets are so transformed by the energy of urban gardeners that they flourish.

Write a manifesto for your village, town or city. Use its name as your title.

Start with the phrase: I will plant

and write a list of what you'd like to see next to the pavements, in corners of parks, in spaces that have been abandoned and boarded up for months or years. You can do anything as a writer, you can plant mango trees next to pear trees, you can plant a rainforest next to a shopping centre, and you can mix up the real with the impossible - if you want to plant freedom, justice or friendship, you can. If you want to plant a new language, or a colour that hasn't been invented, you can. Stretch your imagination. Keep repeating that phrase, *I will plant*, and it will amaze you.