

Miraflores Garden, a green lung awarded by the UN that is an example for the world

LOCATION: Seville

DURATION: 1”

SUMMARY: 30 years after its creation, the Miraflores Garden is still a referent for urban gardens in Europe. It was the first one created in Spain, and in 1996 the United Nations awarded it for being an example of good practices in this county. Every day, over 250 growers enjoy this garden where knowledge is shared among neighbours.

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Among buildings and avenues full of cars, we can find nine hectares of lettuce, eggplant and radish crops. We are at the Miraflores Garden in Seville, a very special urban garden.

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Pablo de Olavide University
Professor

“It is pioneering in Andalusia and Spain, because it was the first garden. It was created by the neighbours, who have a diverse social profile.”

Raúl, who lives in the neighbourhood, is an Expert on Urban Gardens by the Pablo de Olavide University. He travels the world talking about this garden, which many have taken as a reference since 30 years ago.

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“Here you can find children, associations, men, women... That social integration is one of our most important goals here in Miraflores, and it is what makes it different from others.”

In 1996 the United Nations awarded Miraflores for being an example of good practices in Spain. And so did the Andalusian Government in 2014. Every day, growers like Paco and Pepi, who didn't know anything about farming, enjoy this garden where knowledge is shared among neighbours.

FRANCISCO BARROSO
Grower

“I have asked colleagues and neighbours and they have told me how to do it.”

PEPI LÓPEZ
Grower

“A man told you one thing and then you asked another... We gathered information because we had no idea.”

This green lung hosts students who learn how to cultivate as a school activity, employment workshops for young people and leisure programs for adults. An urban garden that is an example for the world.