Immune boosting salad





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Nature has a fantastic array of edible anti-inflammatory and immuneboosting foods, spices and herbs to help you keep your body strong in our Irish damp weather!

Your immune-boosting shopping list:

Vitamin C-rich foods – red peppers, parsley, broccoli, cauliflower, spinach, spring onions and tomatoes. Superfoods like camu camu and goji berries are rich in vitamin C and bee pollen is rich in B vitamins and enzymes. Turmeric, black pepper and ginger – curcumin the active compound in turmeric, gingerol in ginger together with piperine in black pepper possess natural anti-

inflammatory polyphenols. A great reason to spice up your life this autumn.

Ingredients

¹/₄ head cauliflower
¹/₄ head broccoli
1 red onion
50g flat leaf parsley
10 cherry tomatoes
1 red pepper
4 spring onions
100g mixed leaves (spinach, rocket)
¹/₂ cup pineapple

For the dressing

50ml extra virgin olive oil 40ml apple cider vinegar 50ml hemp seed oil ½ tsp camu camu powder 1tbsp local honey 1tbsp shelled hemp seeds juice of 1 lemon ¼ tsp turmeric ½ tsp pink salt 1 clove garlic black pepper 1" root ginger grated **To serve** 1tsp bee pollen 50g goji berries 30g toasted walnuts 25g desiccated coconut

Method

With an S blade blitz the cauliflower and broccoli and set aside. Add all the other ingredients to a large bowl. Toast the walnuts and set aside to cool. Whizz dressing ingredients and pour over the salad ingredients, mixing well. Top with gojis, bee pollen, walnuts and some black pepper.