## **Jerusalem Artichoke Fritters**

## **Ingredients:**

450g chickpea flour

3 teaspoons salt

1 ½ teaspoons bicarbonate of soda

1½ ground turmeric

1 1/2 teaspoons cumin seeds

1 ½ teaspoons coriander seeds

1 1/2 teaspoons chillie flakes

3 cups cold water

1 kg Jerusalem artichokes

2cups vegetable oil, for deep frying

## **Equipment:**

Measuring scales

Measuring spoons

Measuring cups

Sifter

Large mixing bowl

Mortar and pestle

Large fry pan

Small fry pan

Wooden spoon

Candy thermometer

Slotted spatula

**Tongs** 

Vegetable peeler

Small kitchen knife

Paper towel

Baking tray

Skewer

## **Method:**

- Sift flour, salt, bicarbonate of soda and turmeric into the large mixing bowl.
- 2. Dry- roast cumin and coriander seeds separately in a small frying pan over medium heat until fragrant.
- 3. Tip seeds into the mortar, then add chillie flakes and grind all to a fine powder with the pestle. Stir ground spices into the flour mixture.
- 4. Make a well in the center and slowly stir in the cold water to form a smooth batter. Leave for 15 minutes.
- 5. Cut knobby bits off Jerusalem artichokes and peel away the skin using a small kitchen knife. Slice into 5mm slices. Drop into batter.
- **6.** Preheat oven to 100c and put paper towel- lined baking tray inside to keep warm.

- 7. Heat oil in the large fry pan until it registers 180c on a candy thermometer. Using your fingers, lift several pieces of Jerusalem artichoke out of the batter, allowing excess batter to drip back into the bowl.
- 8. Gently slide artichoke into oil; do not drop pieces into the oil as it will splash and burn you.
- 9. Don't crowd fry pan each piece should be able to bubble happily without sticking to the next. Fry for about 5 minutes.
- 10. Carefully turn pieces over using the slotted spatula and tongs. Lift a piece out and test for tenderness by inserting with a skewer.
- **11.** When cooked, lift fritters out onto paper towel lined baking tray.