## Coordinator Catch-ups: Local responses to Covid-19

10:00 - 11:30 every Wednesday

#### Agenda

- Welcome and programme updates
- The Bristol Food Kind campaign, Going for Gold & Feeding Bristol, Claire Jacob (Bristol Food Network) and Maurice Di Rossi (Feeding Bristol)
- Local partnership in action in Glasgow, Riikka Gonzalez, Glasgow Food Policy Partnership
- Hopes and concerns: Reflections from Sustain's Chief Exec Kath Dalmeny on what the future (may) hold
- AOBs





# #BristolFoodKind

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**Developed collaboratively** 

**Designed to be relevant** 

Practical, simple, warm, human

Same actions, different emphasis







#eatmorewasteless #cakeinacrisis



Ellie @elenasuckling

Week #3 of only buying fruit and veggie locally. Just £15 for everything you can s + Pak Choi D, mushrooms 4, carrots and green beans that are hiding #BristolFoodKind #ShopLocal



going\_for\_gold\_bristol Aisling who runs our #GoingForGoldBristol Community Engagement has come u with this ingenious use of oat milk cartons à la #BristolFoodKind, We'd love to see more #WasteNothing ideas for planters - send pics please! #g4gurbangrowing

katharina.schmitt.14 What can you grow in there? I'd love do something similar in my limited outdoor space!

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**52,871** reach

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## Feeding the economically vulnerable

•COVID-19: initial response and planning ahead

Presented by: Maurice Di Rosso, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

### Food insecurity in Bristol (pre-COVID-19 stats)



14,250 (26%) children eligible for free school meals<sup>1</sup>



Life expectancy drops 9 years across Bristol, and healthy life expectancy drops 15 years<sup>6</sup>



36% of low-income families say they cannot afford balanced meals<sup>2</sup>



21,000 households experience fuel poverty<sup>3</sup>



17,300 (6.7% YOY increase) individuals accessed emergency 3-day foodbank provision last year<sup>4</sup>



Two-child families earning less than £18,400 pre-tax household income cannot afford a healthy nutritious diet without foregoing other essentials<sup>5</sup>

## Responding to food insecurity during CV-19

Feeding Bristol has led and developed a holistic strategy for the city alongside other key stakeholders, focused on providing accessible and healthy food for the economically vulnerable

#### Different vulnerable groups

- 1. Shielded (clinically vulnerable)
- 2. FSM eligible children
- 3. Elderly, special needs, immobile, etc.
- 4. Care leavers
- 5. Homeless
- 6. Economically vulnerable

#### **Community organisations**

- 130 community organisations providing food support (mainly food parcels)
- FOOD Clubs and foodbanks
- Meal delivery and buying support

#### We Are Bristol

- Council run hotline
- Coordinating citywide offers of volunteers
- Community hubs

#### **Food supply**

- FareShare South West have increased weekly output by 4x
- Warehouse support
- Local hospitality sector
- Local food producers

## **Moving forward**

As the urgent response to COVID-19 settles, we are looking at how to support the economically vulnerable moving forward. This takes us back to pre-COVID-19 goals of reducing food insecurity, now with additional challenges and increasing demand.

#### 1. Food insecurity demands

Aligning food education with food provision. As negative economic decline occurs, we need to balance and understand what needs of food insecurity exist within local communities

#### 2. Food supply

Local regional food production, as well as urban growing, all play a part in sustaining the city. What are effective and sustainable ways to distribute food to those who need it most?

#### 3. Community collaboration

We know that strategic collaboration at a grass-roots level is key, but how do we supply food to those in need with long-term social distancing?