Coordinator Catch-ups:
Local responses to Covid-19
10:00 - 11:30 every Wednesday

Agenda
• Welcome and programme updates
• Food Power gathering, Simon Shaw, Food Power/Sustain
• An update on the Agriculture Bill and farming sector, Vicki Hird, Sustain
• Local partnership in action: Food Durham; Markets & supporting producers in Northumberland, Peter Samson, Food Durham
• Food for Good Coalition in Edinburgh, Simon Kenton-Lake, Nourish
• AOBs
Local Partnerships in action- Food Durham

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- Food Durham is the County Durham Food Partnership. It is a broad partnership of organisations (including DCC in many guises)
- Hosted by Durham Community Action, rural community council for County Durham
- 2 p/t staff Hannah Murray-Leslie and Peter Samsom
- Before Covid crisis- community growing, procurement, support for private sector food businesses, health and wellbeing
A bit of background

• History of mining and engineering
• Resilient communities
• Leadership
• Connecting up
Emergency food provision

• Initial confusion
• County’s community hubs
• Voluntary sector examples
  ➢ Re-f-use CIC
  ➢ Auckland Project - Closed Doors - Open Hearts
  ➢ Cornforth Partnership
School meals

• School meal voucher debacle
• Creative local solutions
• County supplier support
Other food supplies

- Independents stepping up
- Delivery services
- Supporting other small producers
Northumberland diversion - Hexham Farmers’ Market

• Closed 28th March - social distancing
• Tested first ‘order and collect’ system - 1 April
• 4 ‘market days’ in April and May, 8 producers, 50 customers
• Promoting online sales
• Work on reopening in June
• Who is doing well? And who isn’t?
Looking to the future

• Renewed emphasis on food
• More receptive partners (eg Holiday Hunger activities)
• Embed some of the changes locally – buying more ‘local’, delivery services
• Closer work within the region - Middlesbrough, Newcastle, others
Thanks!

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