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

Agenda
• Welcome and programme updates
• Local supply chains, Natasha Soares, Better Food Traders
• Local case study, Gareth Roberts, Regather Cooperative
• Good Food Movements, Vera Zakharov, Sustain/SFP
• What should we cover in next week’s catch up?
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Growing the grassroots response to Covid

Good Food Movements
- New work strand in Phase 3 of SFP
- Strengthening grassroots networks and supporting activism

Covid Mutual Aid Groups
- 4,000 groups across the UK
- Neighbourhood and place-based networks, Facebook & WhatsApp
- Ethos of mutual support, blurring of lines between supporter and supported
- Meeting community needs not met by other orgs
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Why link up with grassroots networks

- Mobilise quickly; volunteer; offer skills, resources, relationships
- Have lived experience of food insecurity, or supporting people that do
- Avoid duplication and improve referral pathways
- Gain feedback on the efficacy of government, council, charity-led support
- Co-design community support from the ground up
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Activity themes in development

- Developing and supporting local food supply chains
- Support and create food production landscapes
- Influence policy and provision
- Reflect, share and support each other
- *What are your thoughts and observations on grassroots activities?*
Case Study
National Food Service Bristol

National Food Service Network

- Community social dining clubs
- Ethos of equality, sharing, justice, sustainability, no “volunteer” vs “beneficiary”
- Sheffield, Bristol, Nottingham, Manchester, Falmouth, London (x2), Glasgow
Case Study
National Food Service Bristol

Bristol hub

- >1,500 meals a week; >100 volunteers, core organising group
- No means testing
- Youth Centre/Events Venue, cooking meals, Bristol Food Union surplus meals
Case Study
Hangleton & Portslade Mutual Aid

The issue
• High number of older and vulnerable residents
• Fewer volunteers
• Few local shops, shopping help not sensible

The action
• Citizen research for delivery schemes
• Relationship with hospitality supplier
• New box options to meet community needs
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Added benefit
• Ease on food projects
• Keep staff employed
• Premier donates % to #HungryAtHome
• Plans to expand citywide
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Next steps

Food Partnerships and Councils call to action

- Get in touch and connect
- Include grassroots in support pathway
- Funding support
- Support community planning for transition and resilience

Share your experience

- Use the comments box – your grassroots action stories, challenges
- Get in touch: vera@sustainweb.org
Any questions?

Type them into the chat box on the right
Thanks!

Please join us again next Wednesday – same time and place.

Let us know what you'd like to hear more about or share the work you're doing.

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