

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

10:00 - 11:30 every Wednesday

## **Agenda**

- **Welcome and programme updates**
- **A Scottish perspective on responding to Covid-19: Irina Martin, Nourish**
- **School food caterers serving the community during Covid-19: Morven Oliver-Larkin, Sustain**
- **Local case study: Khin Tye, Made in Hackney**
- **What should we cover in next week's catch up?**



# Meals on wheels since Covid-19

## Introduction

### Before Covid-19

- Services cut
- Only 10 London boroughs now providing (21 in 2016)
- 25% reduction in provision across UK since 2014

### Three trends now emerging:

- 1) New community responses and adapted voluntary and community sector
- 2) Increased demand on existing services
- 3) School food caterers



# Community responses

- **Mutual Aid** networks delivering shopping, but also cooking meals
  - **Case study:** Westminster
- **VCS Adapts** - food charities of various kinds providing meals in the community
  - **Case study:** Made in Hackney; Food for All



# Increased demand for existing provision



- **Council run** services
- **Social enterprises** contracted by the council
  - **Case study:** Hertfordshire Independent Living Service
  - 40% in first two weeks
- [Resource: Blog post](#)

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# School Food Caterers

**Some school caterers are adapting to a meals on wheels service**

- Keeping caterers can stay open, whilst serving a need
  - Provide access to nutritious meals for older and vulnerable people
  - Sustainability of school caterers
  - School caterers well placed to get this up and running, quickly



# How School Caterers are Adapting

- Four ways this can be organised
  - School
  - Community group
  - School Caterer
  - Council
- Areas of activity
  - Cooking
  - Handling orders
  - Deliveries
  - Oversight of logistics



# Case Studies

- [Enfield](#) Council
  - Led by the council
  - In-house school catering team
- [Brighton](#) Aldridge Community Academy
  - Two parts; one led by a community pub, the other led by a local Academy
  - School is community focused and has social mi
- Other examples
  - Caterer in Liverpool
  - Academy in Lincoln
  - Caterer in Hampshire
  - Primary school in Norfolk
  - School in Cornwall



# Meals on wheels: what next?

1. Report on school food caterer work 19<sup>th</sup> May
2. Report on meals on wheels in London end of June
3. Sustain is increasing our campaigning on this in coming months – to get involved email [morven@sustainweb.org](mailto:morven@sustainweb.org)





# What's happening in your area?

1. Do you know of any new meals on wheels services in your area?
2. What provision is your local council making for meals for older adults?
3. Are any school chefs, kitchens or caterers transitioning to a meals on wheels service?

I'd love to hear about any of this!

**Pop it in the chat** - don't forget to tell me where you're from!

**Or email me on [morven@sustainweb.org](mailto:morven@sustainweb.org)**



# 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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