

**ShefFood - Sheffield's Sustainable Food Partnership**  
**Further Information for SFP Coordinator Catch-up 23rd Sep, 2020**  
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## 1. Lead Partners

**Regather** | <https://www.regather.net>

A community food business, with a vision for a values based community food system, where land is more productive; food is fair & better quality; money is retained in the local economy; health & environment are improved; and people are engaged in how their food system, from local to global, can change for the better.

**Heeley City Farm** | <https://www.heeleyfarm.org.uk>

A lively community hub with activities delivered all year round. Alongside volunteers, the farm grows many tonnes of fresh produce from their gardens and allotments, promoting healthy eating and low-carbon lifestyles. Young people help care for the animals at the farm through a vocational education programme.

**Food Works** | <https://thefoodworks.org/>

"Every Mouthful Matters" - Sheffield's leading force in the fight against food waste. Aim is to help make Sheffield the first city in the UK with zero food waste. Operates food hubs in Wyborn and Sharrow, offering volunteering opportunities, prepared meals, box scheme, grocery market and locally grown produce.

**Green City Action** | <https://greencityactionssheffield.wordpress.com/>

Run a low cost Toolbank for the whole of Sheffield; teach and encourage food growing on our community allotment; and work with local schools to raise awareness of where food comes from, local wildlife and other environmental education.

**Sheffield Climate Alliance** | <https://www.sheffieldclimatealliance.net/>

Alliance of over 35 local organisations, including all ShefFood lead partners, and many individuals who are pressing for fair and effective action to tackle climate change. Recently awarded £200k development funding from The National Lottery Climate Action Fund.

With support and involvement from University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University.

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## 2. Recent Achievements

- Organised regular **Covid-19 Response** online meetings, email bulletins and social media posts throughout the CV19 crisis to connect & support food system organisations, share best practice and coordinate activity
- Supported the SFP **Day of Celebration and Action** with social media posts and newsletter feature
- Delivered the **Veg Cities Fresh St** campaign offering fruit and vegetable cash transfer vouchers
- Participating in the **Self-Organising Action for Food Equity (SAFE)** digital & comms infrastructure project to support multi-organisational food partnership working in Sheffield
- Organising the **ShefFood Bronze Accelerator** food partnership development workshop
- Produced the **ShefFood Village area** of the Sheffield Food Festival 2019
- Launched the **Discussions Over Dinner** event series in partnership with Sheffield Hallam University and Food Works Sheffield.

### **3. Sheffield Snapshot**

#### **Voluntary & Community Sector Response to Covid-19**

The sector responded with a three-tiered approach made up of informal and neighbourhood activity, the community and targeted hubs network, and city-wide leadership and coordination. One in every 150 households has been helped with food, feeding over 3,000 people each week. The Voluntary Action Sheffield report <https://www.vas.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/COVID19-VCS-report.pdf> includes details of the Covid-19 food crisis response in Sheffield.

#### **Sheffield City Council Food & Wellbeing Strategy 2018**

The citywide [Sheffield Food and Wellbeing Strategy](#) hosted by Sheffield City Council aims to increase the proportion of people eating a well-balanced diet and reduce the prevalence of conditions related to poor diet, including obesity.

#### **Sheffield's Sweet Enough | <https://www.sheffieldissweetenough.org/>**

Campaign run by Sheffield City Council and partners to help local families, food businesses, schools and healthcare professionals tackle the harms caused by eating too much sugar.

#### **Live Lighter Sheffield | <https://www.livelightersheffield.com/>**

City-wide weight management support service, delivered by Zest, offering programmes tackling key nutritional topics in an engaging and interactive way, including The Eatwell Guide, portion sizes, emotional / comfort eating, food labelling.

#### **Sheffield Healthy Holidays | <https://sheffieldhealthyholidays.org/>**

"Be Active, Eat Well" Helping Sheffield children and families to eat well and stay healthy over the summer holidays with online workshops, weekly activity guide, healthy hampers, recipe ideas and much more.

#### **Eat Smart Sheffield | <https://www.learnsheffield.co.uk/Partners/Eat-Smart-Sheffield/>**

Working with all primary and secondary schools across the city as well as some additional settings including Special Schools and Pupil Referral Units, encouraging and supporting pupils, their families and the wider community to adopt healthier eating behaviours. Delivered by Learn Sheffield in partnership with Food for Life (FFL).

#### **Sheffield Food Bank Network | <http://www.sheffieldfoodbank.org.uk/>**

City wide network of organisations tackling food poverty and insecurity, offering online advice, referral service and food bank directory. Meet every couple of months to encourage one another, share ideas and work out how best to tackle some of the challenges of food poverty in our local communities.

#### **University of Sheffield Institute of Sustainable Food | <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/sustainable-food>**

Working with partners across science, engineering, social sciences, arts and humanities to find dynamic solutions to the challenges of food security and sustainability. Offering teaching, research, facilities, partnership opportunities and engagement with a wide range of stakeholders from policy makers, farmers, the agri-food industry, non-governmental organisations and the public.

#### **Sheffield Hallam University National Centre of Excellence for Food Engineering**

<https://www.shu.ac.uk/research/specialisms/national-centre-of-excellence-for-food-engineering>

Offers extensive industry knowledge, pioneering technical expertise and cutting-edge facilities to help both large manufacturers and smaller independent businesses throughout the supply chain to meet the challenges facing the food and drink industry.

#### 4. What's Next?

- Continue working towards a **Sustainable Food Places Bronze Award**
- Continue supporting the Sheffield food sector to make a sustainable **Covid-19 Recovery**
- Maximise opportunities created by **Sheffield Climate Alliance Climate Action Fund** programme
  
- **Continue developing the ShefFood Partnership**
  - Maintain regular meetings, email bulletins, social media posts and PR activities
  - Influence anchor institutions for better food procurement and good food culture
  - Strengthen our membership and community engagement to improve partnership governance
  - Raise awareness of ShefFood using high quality design and communications
  
- **Supporting the Good Food Movement**
  - Co-sign the Sustain **Invest in Children's Health** open letter with Greg Fell, Sheffield Director of Public Health
  - Deliver Veg Cities 2020 campaign **Seeds Are Good** amplifying & celebrating growing food at home and in the community
  - Promote the **Better Food Traders** scheme & participate in **Know Better Food** training
  - Promote local food production in Sheffield as a **UK Urban Agriculture Consortium** Pathfinder City
  - Represent ShefFood at the **Northern Real Farming Conference**
  
- **Building a South Yorkshire Food Partnership**
  - Attend forthcoming SFP Taking a County Wide Approach online event
  - Connect with food partnerships in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham
  - Raise awareness of sustainable food, farming and food systems within the Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership and City Mayor Office
  - Promote the co-production of a Regional Food Partnership & Strategy for South Yorkshire