

Fair, Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems

What can cities do?

Some reflections from the UK

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Veg Cities

Our 2018-19 campaign aims to increase the availability and consumption of veg.

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Sustainable Food Cities Conference 2019



Reaching Out: Strengthening our Local, National and Global Connections

Such was the theme of the 6th Sustainable Food Cities Conference hosted by Newcastle on the 12th and 13th June. Never has the annual conference welcomed so many delegates, with more than 180 coming from 63 places across the UK. A fantastic gathering of old and new friends and a reenergising of determined activists.

[Find out more](#)

SFC welcomes National Food Strategy announcement



Terms of Reference for a National Food Strategy were published on 27th June, setting out the ambition for a better food system in England. The Sustainable Food Cities Network welcomes this announcement and is keen to take part and engage its members in this process which has been one of its long-standing requests.

[Find out more](#)

Find a Sustainable Food City



Sign up your town or city

Find out what's involved in joining the Sustainable Food City Network.

Key issues

Sustainability is a very broad concept and is about direction of travel rather than reaching a specific destination, so no one definition is ever perfect. In developing their programmes, however, many places have found it useful to think about food across six areas:

1. Promoting healthy and sustainable food to the public
2. Tackling food poverty, diet-related ill health and access to affordable healthy food
3. Building community food knowledge, skills, resources and projects
4. Promoting a vibrant and diverse sustainable food economy
5. Transforming catering and food procurement
6. Reducing waste and the ecological footprint of the food system

Food for Life Get Togethers

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Welcome to Food for Life

Our programme is about making good food the easy choice for everyone – making healthy, tasty and sustainable meals the norm for all to enjoy, reconnecting people with where their food comes from, teaching them how it's grown and cooked, and championing the importance of well-sourced ingredients.

We work with [schools](#), [nurseries](#), [hospitals](#) and care homes, helping them build knowledge and skills through a 'whole setting approach'. This engages children and parents, staff, patients and visitors, caterers, carers and the wider community to create a powerful voice for long-term change.

An enhanced version of our [evidence-based](#) programme is available for commissioning to support health and wellbeing priorities in your area. We are already achieving clear results in Local Authorities throughout England. Find out more about our commissions [here](#).

Food for Life is a [Soil Association](#) programme – find out more about who we are [here](#). A wealth of information is available on our website, but if you can't find what you're looking for, please [get in touch](#).

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The Soil Association



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Transforming food culture for all

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About Us

Food for Life brings schools, nurseries, hospitals and care homes, and their surrounding communities together around the core ethos of healthy, tasty and sustainable food.

*"We have a clear vision that every child has a right to **good, wholesome school food** and that food poverty will one day be a thing of the past."*

Jeanette Orrey (Co-Founder - Food for Life)

Follow us



If you would like someone to come and visit you to explain what we do and how we do it, just download a speaker request form or email estelle@incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk or mary@incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk new **Speaker Request form 2019.docx**

or email estelle@incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk.

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Who we are



Creating a kind, confident and connected community

Incredible Edible Todmorden
is a Community Benefit Society
Registration number: 7230
click [here](#) to find out more

We are passionate people working together for a world where all share responsibility for the future wellbeing of our planet and ourselves.

We aim to provide access to good local food for all, through

- working together
- learning – from cradle to grave
- supporting local business

All with no paid staff, no buildings, no public funding: radical community building in action.

Membership: If you eat you're in.

We are all unpaid volunteers doing our best for our town. We rely on donations, made by groups coming for a tour and speakers going out to tell our story.

Confused by all the different Incredible groups in Todmorden? click [here](#)

Vox Pops, what you say about us



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BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF SMALL ACTIONS

Our vision is to create kind, confident and connected communities through the power of food.

[Create your account](#) or [log in](#) to join our movement and to access advice and information on being Incredible.

Welsh information

If you eat, you're in

Our unique vision is founded on the connection between



Tick all that apply

As an organisation or business **we will:**

- ☐ Use our purchasing power and procurement policies to support local, sustainable and ethical food.
- ☐ Serve healthy, seasonal, local food and fairly traded food to staff or customers.
- ☐ Provide opportunities for staff, students, patients or customers to learn how to cook and grow food.
- ☐ Organise volunteering programmes with community food initiatives and enterprises.
- ☐ Encourage our customers and employees to:
 - Reduce food waste.
 - Support local shops and retailers in the town – this keeps money in the local economy.
 - Grow their own food at home or on an allotment.
 - Eat healthily by cutting down on the amount of food with added sugar and salt.
 - Eat more fresh fruit and vegetables.

☐ Take the following action to support the food charter:

As an individual **I will:**

- ☐ Buy more of my food from local independent food enterprises and traders.
- ☐ Prepare meals from scratch using fresh, seasonal, local, Fairtrade or organic ingredients.
- ☐ Aim to waste as little food as possible and think about freezing, sharing or composting any food that I can't use.
- ☐ Try growing my own herbs, fruit or veg on a windowsill, in my garden, at an allotment, or help out at a local community farm or food project.
- ☐ Take the following action to support the food charter:

Hull Food Partnership

Our Sustainable Food City vision for Hull is of a flourishing local food system which is both healthy and fair for people and the environment.

Read our full vision at:

www.hullfoodpartnership.org.uk/vision

Get in touch with us

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Hull Food Charter



Hull Food Charter

A Better Food Culture

Promote a culture celebrating and sharing food which recognises the value of local sustainable produce.

Increase Food Knowledge and Skills

Enhance the practical abilities of everyone to grow, cook and make healthy buying decisions which are affordable and acceptable through providing access to information, education and support for all ages.

Promote Healthy Food

Improve the health and wellbeing of everyone who lives and works in Hull through raising awareness of the importance of a nutritious, balanced diet.

Work Towards Food Equality

Help tackle food poverty by increasing awareness and availability of a range of affordable and sustainable food choices across Hull, enabling broad and easy access for everyone.

Encourage a Sustainable Food Economy

Create a vibrant and resilient local sustainable food economy in Hull by supporting the growth and development of independent food enterprises, encouraging and ensuring fairness of reward throughout the whole food chain.

Develop Sustainable Supply Chains

Implement sustainable food procurement practices across the public and private sector to generate jobs and strengthen the local economy, improving understanding of where and how the food is produced and distributed.

Increase Food Production

Significantly increase the amount of local food grown and made available within Hull and surrounding areas through both community food growing and sustainable farming.

Reduce Ecological Impact

Reduce the ecological impact of the local food system through reducing waste, minimising unnecessary transportation using sustainable food production methods and shorter supply chains.

Sign up online TODAY

www.hullfoodpartnership.org.uk/signup

or SCAN HERE
to sign up and
support the
Hull Food Charter



or fill in the
form below

You can sign up as a business, organisation or individual and pledge to take action to grow a healthy and resilient food culture in Hull.

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Name

Email

Organisation (optional)

Address

Date

Businesses and organisations will be contacted by the partnership co-ordinator after signing up for more information.

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(See website for our policy)

☐ I would like to receive additional information by email regarding food events and activities.

Food Strategy

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Healthy, sustainable and fair food for all

Launched in 2006, refreshed in 2012 and 2018, the **Brighton and Hove Food Strategy Action Plan** sets out how collectively as a city we will achieve a vision of a healthy, sustainable and fair food system for Brighton and Hove.

The most ambitious plan yet

In November 2018, the latest five-year action plan was launched and adopted by the Health & Wellbeing Board. It is believed to be the most ambitious in the UK and contains 200 far-reaching actions involving almost 100 partners including 26 separate city council departments.

The strategy has been adopted by Brighton & Hove City Council and the Local Strategic Partnership, and is inspiring work in other cities.

Over 600 people participated in the **year-long consultation** to gather commitments and ideas from



In collaboration with...

Expert Panel Members

- Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC)
- Brighton & Hove Connected
- Brighton & Hove Food Partnership (BHFP)
- Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust (BSUH)
- Community Works
- FareShare Sussex
- NHS Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Possability People
- The Living Coast UNESCO Biosphere
- University of Brighton
- University of Sussex
- Brighton & Hove City Council (including 26 departments)
- Brighton & Hove Energy Services Cooperative (BHESCO)
- Brighton & Hove Food Festival*
- Brighton & Hove Food Partnership
- Brighton & Hove Impetus
- Brighton & Hove Organic Gardening Group
- Brighton & Sussex Medical School
- Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust*
- Brighton and Hove Fairtrade Steering Committee
- Brighton Housing Trust
- Brighton Open Market
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- Cardamom Pod
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- Children's Centres
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- Circular Brighton & Hove
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- Common Cause*
- Community Chef*
- Community Kitchen
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- Digital Brighton and Hove
- Dorothy Stringer School
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- East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust*
- FareShare Sussex*
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- Florence Road Market
- Food Banks via Emergency Food Network (EFN)
- Food Pioneers*
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- Greater Brighton Metropolitan College
- Green Wellbeing Alliance*
- Health & Wellbeing Board
- Healthwatch
- Healthy Weight Programme Board
- HISBE
- Impact Initiatives
- Impetus
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- Living Loud
- Longhill High School
- Moneyworks Brighton & Hove
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- Sussex Homeless Support
- Sussex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority (IFCA)*
- Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust*
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- Sustainable Business Partnership*
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- The Living Coast UNESCO Biosphere*
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- University of Sussex*
- UnLtd
- Varndean College
- Varndean School
- Visit Brighton*
- Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
- Whitehawk Community Food Project
- World Food Project

Action Plan Partners

- Adur & Worthing Councils*
- Age Space
- Age UK Brighton & Hove
- Albion in the Community*
- Allotment Site Reps
- Amaze
- BeeZee Bodies
- Befriending Coalition
- Bright Dials
- Brighton & Hove Allotment Federation
- Brighton & Hove Chamber of Commerce

National Supporting Organisations

- Eating Better
- Food Foundation
- Food Matters
- Soil Association
- Sustain
- Sustainable Food Cities

Special thanks to...



Part of the Brighton & Hove Food Partnership's work, including the development of this food strategy, is funded by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation. We are grateful for their ongoing support.

*These partners are committed to actions that go beyond the boundaries of Brighton & Hove. Look out for the  symbol throughout the Full Action Plan



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How to feed a city - and change the world

Carolyn Steel

In this talk, Carolyn Steel reflects on what it takes to feed a city, how food has shaped cities and how the size of cities been constrained until recent times by the ability to feed them. She traces the development of cities from the earliest times, through to the largest city in the ancient world, Rome, to the present day and their relationship to food. From the thinking of Johann von Thünen through the development of London, Carolyn explores the dynamics of feeding a city from the pre-industrial to post-industrial world and the way food can be the lens through which we look at creating the good life for all in a sitopia.



Carolyn Steel is an architect, lecturer and writer. Her chief interest is in exploring the inner lives of cities, and her work has focused on developing a lateral approach to urban design that looks at the everyday routines that shape cities and the way we inhabit them. She has run design studios at the London School of Economics, London Metropolitan University and at Cambridge University, where her lecture course 'Food and the City' is an established part of the degree programme.

During her career she realised that her twin passions for food and architecture were really two aspects of the same thing. After studying the everyday habits of a local neighbourhood in Rome over the course of 2000 years in the 1990s,



Food



London Food Strategy

The Mayor wants to take action to help all Londoners access healthy, affordable and sustainable food



Cutting child obesity

Junk food advertising will be banned on the entire Transport for London network to help tackle child obesity.



London Food Board

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About the food programme

Find out about City Hall's food programme and who it works with.



Support and resources

Advice on: the Takeaways Toolkit, procurement, child hunger strategy, food businesses, school food.



Our projects

City Hall's food programme support several projects and programmes across London.



Projects and people



Good Food Retail Plans

Find out how we are helping London boroughs develop Good Food Retail Plans to improve access to healthy food



Healthier Food Businesses

The Healthier Catering Commitment is a scheme that helps food businesses offer healthier choices to their customers.



Food Poverty Action Plans

Learn more about how we are helping London boroughs develop plans to reduce food poverty.



Food growing in London

Supporting many more Londoners to grow food.

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London Food Board

The London Food Board (LFB) consists of 17 individuals who advise the Mayor of London and the GLA on the food matters that affect Londoners.

Find out more about their goals, their meetings and [meet the board members](#)

About the London Food Board

What are the goals of the Board?



What is the makeup of the Board?



When do they meet and what happens?



Meetings and minutes



Related articles



Child Obesity Taskforce

London's Child Obesity Taskforce has been established as part of the Mayor's commitment to address child obesity.



About the Award

Find out about the London Healthy Workplace Award, including how to register your interest.



The London Food Strategy

The Mayor's London Food Strategy sets out his plans to help all Londoners access healthy, affordable and sustainable food - regardless of their background and circumstances.

The Mayor has been working closely with the [London Food Board](#) and other partners to develop the strategy and ensure it can help deliver a fairer food system.

[London Food Strategy](#)[Easy Read Version](#)

Healthy and Sustainable Food for London

The Mayor has made food a key part of his social fairness and economic equality agenda. He realises the important part food plays in the lives of Londoners - it can help improve health and wellbeing, provide rewarding job and skills opportunities, build stronger communities and help protect the environment.

In the London Food Strategy, the Mayor has therefore put food at the heart of London's approach to tackling a number of issues including child obesity, food insecurity and climate change. The strategy's six chapters reflect this approach:

- **Good Food at Home, and Reducing Food Insecurity** - Helping to ensure all Londoners can eat well at home and tackling rising levels of food insecurity.
- **Good Food Economy, Shopping and Eating Out** - Supporting good food businesses to improve London's food environment and make healthy, affordable options more widely available to Londoners.
- **Good Food in Community Settings and Public Institutions** - Working with public sector partners to improve their food procurement for the communities they serve.
- **Good Food for Pregnancy and Childhood** - Using good food to help give Londoners the best possible start to life.
- **Good Food Growing, Community Gardening and Urban Farming** - Promoting the multiple benefits of food growing for individuals and communities.
- **Good Food for the Environment** - Reducing the environmental impact of our food system by making it more efficient, more sustainable and less wasteful.

The Mayor has published an accompanying [Implementation Plan](#) which sets out the actions the Mayor will take and support between 2018 and 2023 to help achieve the strategy's objectives, alongside timescales and a range of indicators that will be used to measure and report on progress across London.

TfL junk food advertising ban

One of the Mayor's key commitments in the London Food Strategy is to [ban junk food advertising](#) on the entire Transport for London (TfL) network from **25 February 2019**. This represents a new groundbreaking measure to help tackle child obesity in London. Food and drink brands, restaurants, takeaways and delivery services will only be able to place adverts which promote their



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Healthy communities

The Mayor wants more Londoners to be empowered to act on things that affect their own and their communities' health.

FABIAN COMMISSION ON FOOD & POVERTY

- An inquiry into the consequences of the UK food system for people in poverty, and how we can create a fairer food system.

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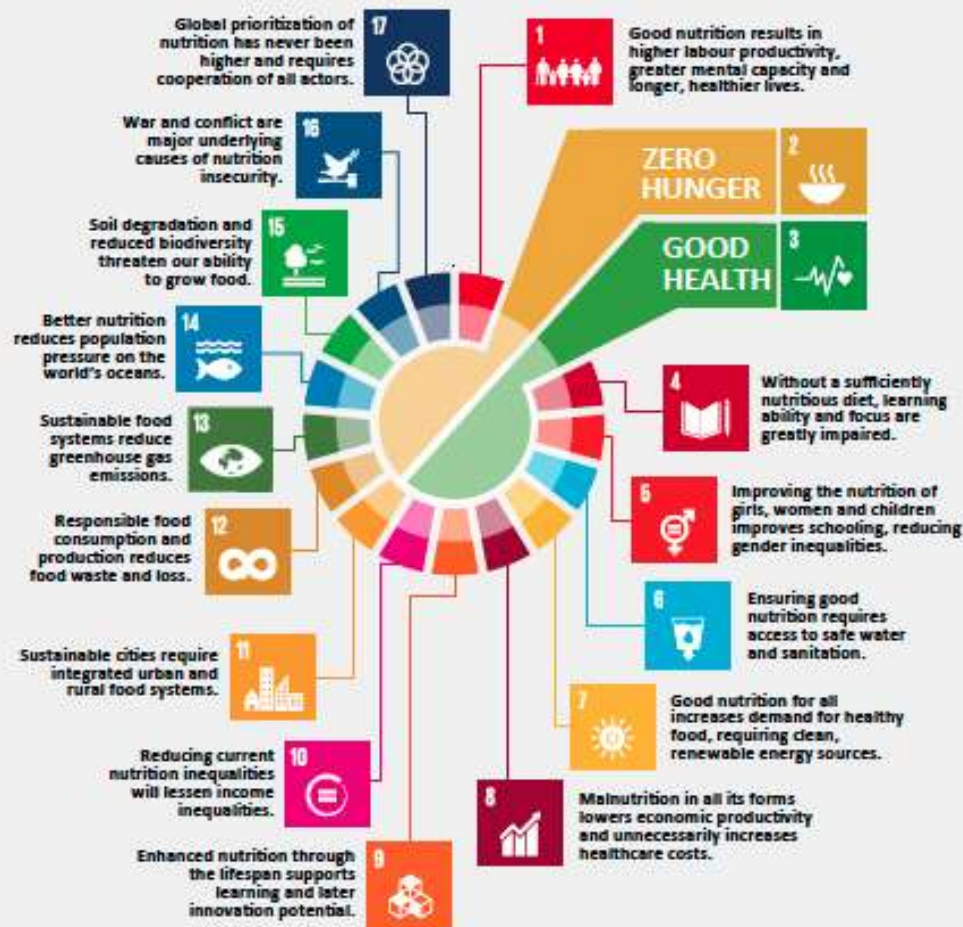
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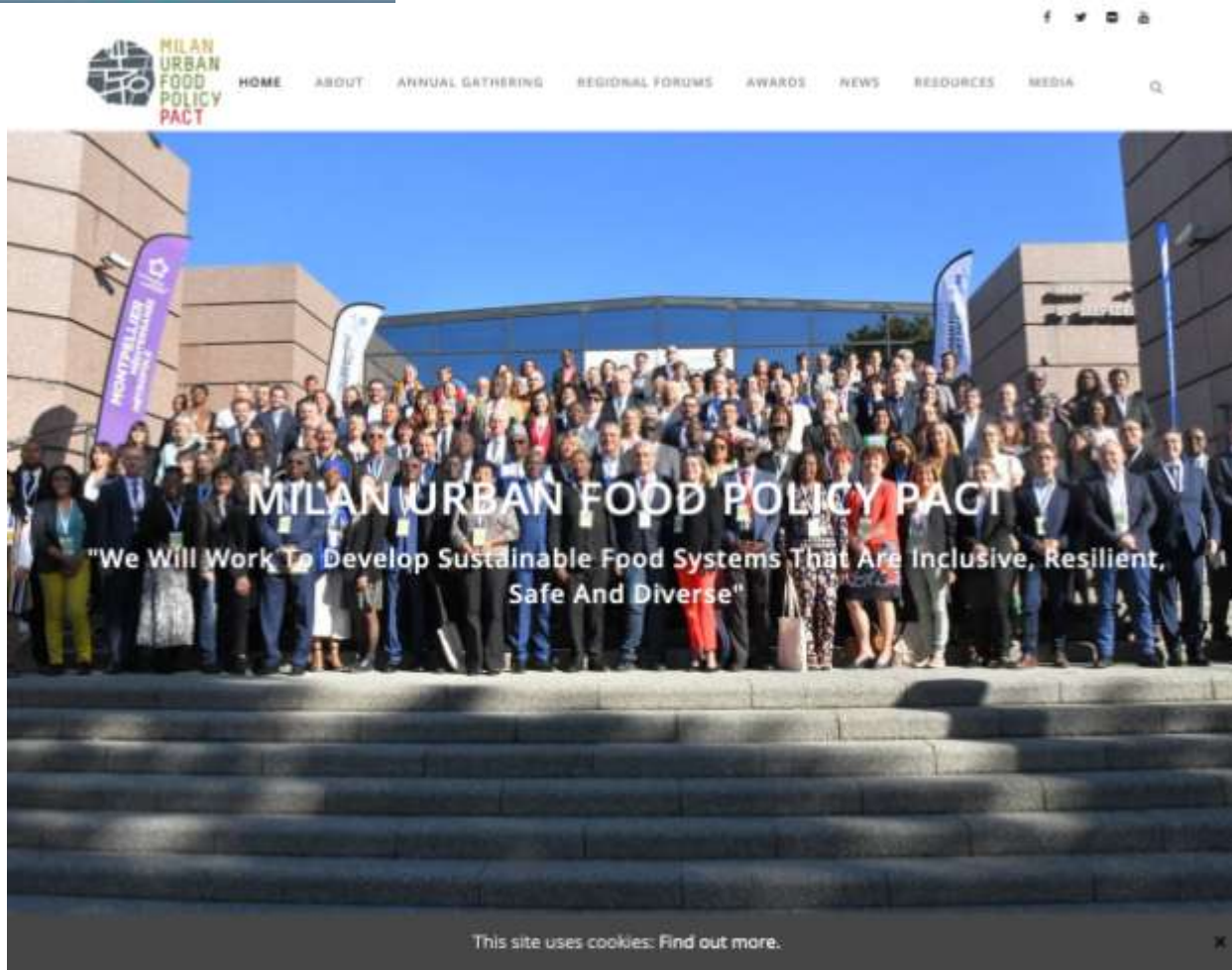
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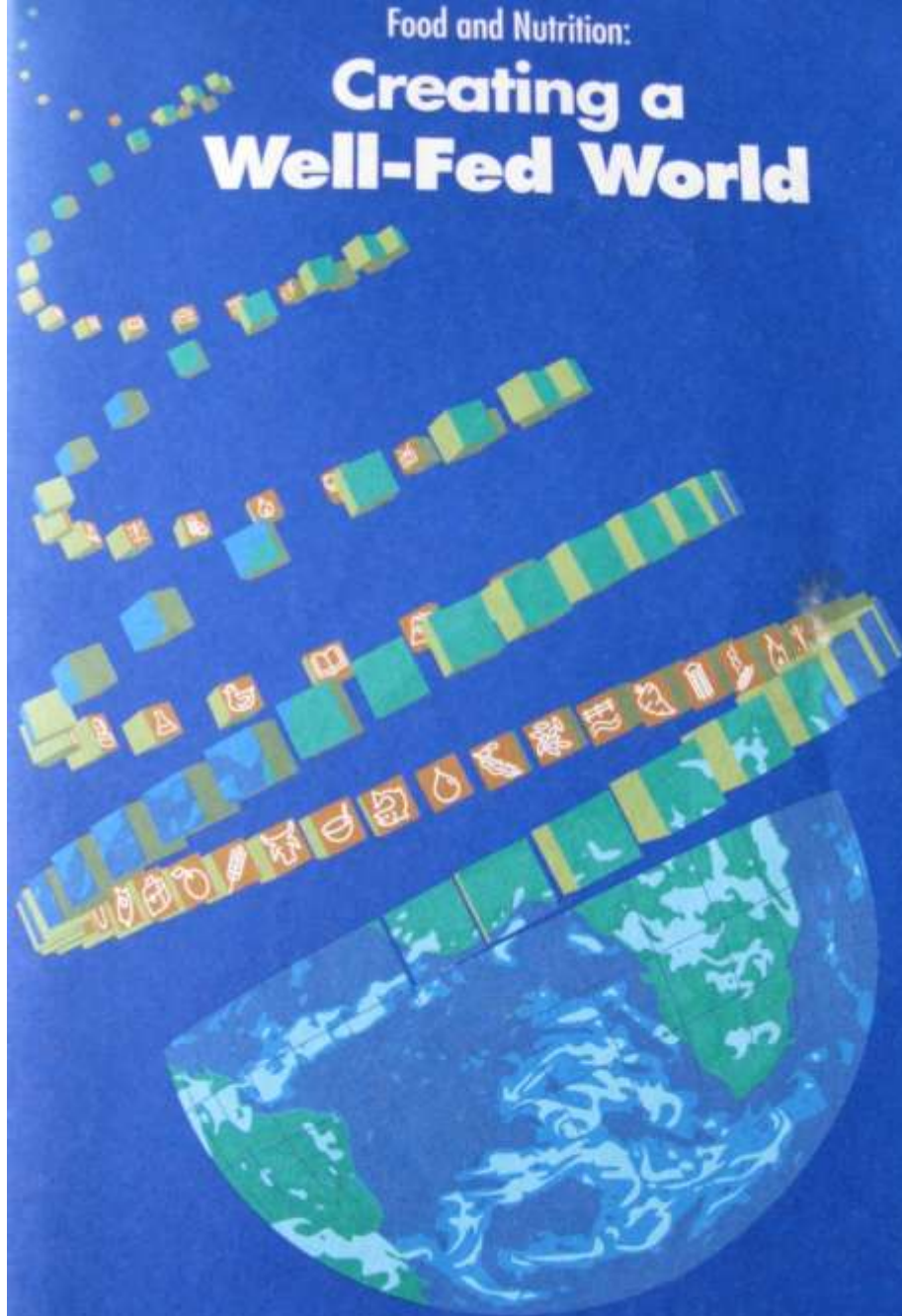
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Food and Nutrition:

Creating a Well-Fed World



Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations

Ingredients for food security

No single recipe will ensure food security for all individuals, households or nations. The basic ingredients – illustrated below – are well-known, although their quality and availability vary greatly from region to region. FAO's comprehensive national food security programmes are designed to help countries develop their own recipes for success.



Land and water

The quality of land and water resources affects overall productivity. Ownership patterns influence the way the land is managed.



Storage facilities

Storage conditions affect the safety and quality of food, the level of waste, and the amount held in surplus for future emergencies.



Processing

Farm produce is processed in various ways – dried, milled, canned, bottled, etc. The quality of processing determines the food's nutritional value and longevity.



Prepared food

People eating outside the home – at street stalls, restaurants or factory canteens – depend upon good standards in food preparation for high quality, safe food.



Money and credit

Both individuals and governments need money – or credit – to finance growth and development.



Family and culture

Family backgrounds, cultural traditions and religious beliefs influence acceptance or rejection of certain foods and eating patterns.



Transport

Better transport means fresher food; poor transport facilities may hamper distribution and discourage production.



Resource management

The ingenuity, technical know-how and management skills of a nation's food producers determine how well resources are used.



Employment

The nature and location of food industries – from production to processing and distribution – determine who benefits from the employment and income they create.



Advertising

Advertising promotes particular foods and can therefore encourage good – or bad – eating habits.



Political structures

The responsiveness of political structures to the needs of the poor is a key factor in ensuring food security.



Water and sanitation: Clean water supplies and adequate sanitation facilities are essential for good nutrition.



Health care

Primary health care and an environment that reduces infections ensure people to be better nourished by the food they consume.



Farm equipment and inputs: The availability and appropriateness of equipment and inputs such as fertilizers affect food quality and productivity.



Radio, TV and newspapers

The mass media can raise public awareness of nutrition and publicize ways to improve it.



Exchange rates

Exchange rates affect the price of exports, the cost of imports, and the balance of trade. Overvalued rates encourage food imports and may undermine local food production.



Distribution

The effectiveness and cost of the distribution chain – storage, transport, wholesaling and retailing – affects food quality, availability and accessibility.



Kitchen

Raw and processed food is transformed into meals in the home by cooking and presenting it in culturally acceptable ways.



Education

The availability and content of general and specialist education influences people's knowledge about good nutrition and how to achieve it.



Research and development

Scientific research and technological developments bring new production techniques and greater understanding of how diet affects well-being.

Know your food economy

- Measure, monitor, address household food insecurity and diet-related non-communicable diseases (NCDs)s
- Follow the money
- Examine broader ecological impact eg on soil health, and biodiversity
- Be prepared for disruptions / extreme events

Advisory, fiscal & regulatory actions

- Food Policy Council
- Use planning & procurement policies
- Pay real living wages
- Discourage food waste, use composting
- Curtail advertising & marketing
- Inspect/publish food hygiene standards
- Review use of investments/pension funds
- Promote food citizenship, not consumerism

Community connection and enjoyment

- Space for play
- Education to include food, cooking skills, marketing and advertising
- Celebratory events with food
- Rural/urban interactions
- Facilitate innovative community and business activities around food

Working together, walk the talk

- Work with other cities to share experiences
- Joint representations to central government
- Use local, healthy humane, sustainably sourced largely plant based food and drink for meetings
- Set up your own Sustainable Food Cities and Sustainable Fish Cities

Safeguard your good agricultural land

And your cuisine



Geoff Tansey

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Fair, healthy and sustainable food systems



Food is at the heart of the key challenge facing humanity – creating sustainable, healthy ways in which everyone can have sufficient sustenance, in diverse communities that peacefully cooperate with each other.

Choices about how we feed ourselves this century are also choices about what kind of future we humans want, in the face of unprecedented challenges from climate change. Read more about these issues on this site.

Patents, power and the new enclosures



When common land accessible by the people was taken into private hands in England from the 18th century it began a period known as the enclosures. Today, through an expanding use of patents and other forms of 'intellectual property', a new set of enclosures globally is occurring rapidly of different kinds of commons such as in knowledge and genetics. [Read more](#)

Food ethics

Putting ethical concerns at the heart of decision-making on food and farming is the key aim of the Food Ethics Council. I've been a council member since 2000, and a trustee/director since 2003. [Read more](#)

The Food System: a guide



The Future Control of Food



Free download in English, Spanish and Chinese

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Food Systems Academy



I curate the Food Systems Academy - an online open access education resource with a wide range of talks freely available:

- The Food System - An overview
- Food regimes and their transformation
- The crucial century, 1945-2045: Transforming food systems in a global context
- The Right to Food - An overview
- Food and thriving people in the 21st century
- Changing our totally flawed food system
- Sustainable diets and public health
- How to feed a city - and change the world
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- From food regimes to food sheds - the case of Southern Ontario.
- Biology and chemistry for peace not war

Read more about the process and background on the new site.

Peace, food and the future



'Food is a Key to Avoiding World War III' is the working title for my next book. In this, I will explore further ideas I talked about in the summer of 2011 at various places in Canada and at the Canadian Association on Food Studies (CAFS) Conference and the Agriculture Food and Human Values Society (AFHVS) conference in Montana, USA. [Read more](#)

How to farm?

At the heart of the choices we face are the questions of what is land for and of how to farm it. [Read more](#)

Food and health



Along with the air we breathe, food & drink are the parts of the environment we put into our bodies every day. What we consume affects our health (although these relationships are complex). [Read more](#)

The right to food

Quaker House, Geneva



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Check out the audio interviews with people I meet in the course of my research and use on my blog [here](#).

Food future

Read my article 'Food and thriving people: Paradigm shifts for fair and sustainable food systems' and my 'Food and the economy of fairness', and Sustainable Intensification - miracle or mirage? pages on the Global Food Security blog of the UK's Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council.

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