

## **AGM election with short statements 2021**

Re-standing for steering group

### **Ian Brewer**

*Ian has been Financial Inclusion Officer at Bradford District Credit Union for the past five years. His background is in International Community Development with the YMCA (India) and British Council (South Africa) coupled with experience in business and community banking. Ian works with partners in Bradford and Kirklees to run webinars, conferences and events to reach the financially excluded as a Community Development Credit Union that has contributed to extensive member growth of over 8500 members. Ian works with Juli at Inn Churches on the new FoodSavers food insecurity and savings project, manages staff engagement with its 33 payroll partners and provides 'Train-The-Trainer' financial workshops to community practitioners, social prescribers, council and payroll staff.*

### **Danielle Chamberlain**

*Community Café Coordinator/Community work Gateway Community Centre Ravenscliffe*

*We run a Pay As You Feel café daily, mini market twice a week, food bags and food vouchers.*

*During the school holidays we deliver healthy activities and food programme, especially those in receipt of free school meals.*

### **Cathy Henwood**

*I am employed to co-ordinate Feeding Bradford and Keighley (was Feeding Bradford but now incorporates the who of the district) by Wellsprings Together, a role I have done for 4 years. I am keen to keep building our network and the services our members deliver to more fully include all of our districts diverse community; to work to reduce dependency on crisis food provision and support people to move out of food insecurity; while ensuring there is a suitable safety net there for all in real need.*

### **Jane Lees**

*I am CEO of Communityworks and we work in the BD3 area of Bradford where food poverty continues to be a real issue. We regularly support our children's groups with hot cooked meals along with our holiday playschemes. In addition, we have food at a number of our sessions to bring people together, encourage healthy eating and introduce new ideas about cooking. We have previously run a community food market and do regularly support people struggling with their finances that need some emergency food. We have been a Fareshare recipient for 5 years and also access intercepted food from local supermarkets.*

*I have been on the steering group for a number of years and hope that I bring experience from the local community as well as what works well, both with children and adults.*

### **Josh Selfe**

*I, along with my wife, have been the minister in charge of Keighley Salvation Army for the 2 years, having moved up from a similar role in East London. As well as doing the minister role in the church, I also coordinate the centre's community work, which includes foodbank, free evening meal, asylum seeker support group and children's and family work. I am also currently acting as the point of contact between Feeding Bradford and Keighley, and the various food providers in Keighley which has seen me recently join in with a group of partners launching our affordable food project Good Food Keighley with its shop in the Airedale Centre.*

**Katie Smith**

*Hi, I am a Public Health Nutrition Dietitian, working for Bradford Nutrition and Dietetic Services within Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. I have worked in Bradford for over 10 years and I work to help ensure accessible healthier food choices for everyone in Bradford.*

*I deliver workforce nutrition training courses, deliver ad hoc information sessions, support community events (when they are able to be held) and provide practical supportive nutrition information and resources on a range of nutrition topics to members of the public as well as to teams and organisations. I work with services supporting families, to promote and access the Bradford District free Healthy Start vitamins scheme and work with families, organisations and local retailers to promote the national Healthy Start food vouchers scheme. In previous roles, I have also provided dietetic support to patients, carers and families in Bradford.*

**Juli Thompson**

*Inn Churches Storehouse. As a teacher I have seen over the years how a lack of access to affordable food has impacted communities. I am keen to work towards a time where we understand about the provenance of food, and support communities and individuals to access affordable food, teach cooking skills and help people to access the information they need to make positive health choices and be able to thrive. We believe food should be for health not corporate wealth #foodforhealthnotwealth. Great to be part of the Feeding Bradford & Keighley Network and the larger Feeding Britain Network.*

**Graham Walker**

*I am acting Chair of Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank. We supply emergency food to vulnerable people via statutory and voluntary welfare agencies.*

*In providing support through the pandemic and Brexit horrors to come we are working to see where our place is in the coordinated support strategy and ensure that the right help is given by the right people in the right way at the right time*

**New prospective Members****Clare Leighton**

*I am employed by Leeds Diocese as a Pioneer Minister for the parish of Girdlington, Heaton and Manningham. We are the UK's 7<sup>th</sup> largest parish both geographically and numerically. Daily we work with a very varied cross section of the community but sadly find the uniting factors are people's level of poverty, ability to function well in the community and success in navigating everyday life. I firmly believe that relationships and engagement are the start of a change in life experience. We run several pop-up pantries alongside a rolling programme of open community space. We have different activities from social fun to help and advocacy advice. In all things we desire people to have dignity of choice and be active participants in their own story.*

**Duncan Milwain**

*Director of Social Enterprises for the new Fountains Church in the city centre. A major area of his work is Grace Kitchen seeking to tackle food waste and food justice. They run pay as you can meals and deliver food fresh food to a growing number of food projects across the district.*