



Notes- Feeding Bradford & Keighley Meeting 12th July 2021

Names and organisations of people attending can be provided on request.

Juli invited attendees to introduce themselves and their organisation, and to share where they currently get their food from.

Last February/March when Covid was on the horizon, Bradford Council approached Juli at Inn Churches and Cathy at FB&K to see if they would be able to provide and co-ordinate 3-4 weeks of supply to foodbanks. So far, after 70 weeks, there has been over £220k of funding through Bradford Council and Feeding Britain to purchase food and distribute. This provision will end in July.

Update from FareShare, Gareth Batty:

Gareth showed slides of the FareShare food supply in Bradford over the last 18 months.

- Pre-pandemic, FareShare's food supplied was all surplus, around 8 tonnes of food supplied to around 20 organisations across Bradford. This has increased considerably, tracking lockdowns. There have been spikes in October / November, when FareShare got funding from DEFRA to purchase food. The emergency funding has now changed, and FareShare reverted back to their core model of surplus. The supply is still higher than pre-pandemic, but not higher than in the pandemic. Currently supplying food to 46 organisations across Bradford.
- FareShare are working with approx. 400 suppliers across the country, supplying different and types of food. Issue: HGV driver shortage, about 70000 drivers short, connected with Brexit, Settled Status, Furlough, this has an impact on food distribution. Mitigation is taking a lot of work and time, there is also a backlog of testing capacity.
- If you would like to become a member of FareShare, please email peterbarringer@fareshareyorkshire.org or take a look at the website www.fareshareyorkshire.org

Emma Aldridge, In Kind Direct (presentation attached)

- In Kind Direct are a charity, working closely with organisations around the country, e.g. with registered charities, scouts, schools, social enterprises etc. getting essential items out where they are needed.
- Range of products, including some foods, but mainly cleaning and hygiene product might be of interest
- Working with organisations who supply products, then warehouse and distribute products out to organisations
- For school holidays, organisations might be interested in supplies like PPE and hygiene products. If less money is spent on those, more money can go towards food and service provision
- When becoming a member, organisations can access the catalogue and see the products and prices on offer. There is a nominal charge for products which covers p&p and associated costs
- For more information visit <https://cat.inkinddirect.org/>

Robin Ferris, Bankuet (presentation attached)

- Bankuet is a “zero waste food donating platform”
- Currently have a membership of around 170 food projects in GB and Ireland
- Increase and maximise donations – through subscriptions and bulk buying
- Reduce waste – ship only what is requested
- Simplify operations – deliver to premises when convenient
- Bankuet creates online pages to launch to the local community. People donate directly, one-off or subscription bundles
- Donors can give to any registered foodbank, from any device
- Foodbanks can request supplies from Bankuet, and Bankuet arrange for these supplies to be bought with donations
- Each foodbank has its own page – clear & simple
- This system can significantly increase the amount of food received
- Helps generate additional funds, through one-off and regular donations
- Digital content supplied to ppl who subscribe for fundraising and marketing
- Free to use for all foodbanks
- For further information and to sign up, visit <https://www.bankuet.co.uk/> or email robin@bankuet.co.uk or join@bankuet.co.uk for any questions

Local Information:

Inn Churches Storehouse – Juli:

- been working locally for a number of years
- Storehouse set up 6 years ago
- Have got capacity at the moment for some more organisations,
- For more information, contact hello@innchurches.co.uk or visit the website <https://innchurches.co.uk/>
- Inn Churches set up a website <http://bradfordfoodbanks.org.uk/> with all provision in one place – emergency food, low cost food etc. Contact Inn Churches if you want your food provision listed on this website hello@innchurches.co.uk
- The Wellsprings Together meal provision booklet is on this website too, or you can visit the Wellsprings website <https://wellspringstogether.org.uk/resources/crisis-food-provision> this is being kept up to date. You can order hard copies of this booklet from team@wellspringstogether.org.uk

Fountains Church Bradford - Duncan:

- Started earlier this year, to complement existing provision
- Have a deal with wholesale market in Bradford, taking surplus fresh fruit & veg from them
- Getting surplus out to other organisations
- Working with foodbanks and community organisations who are supplementing their offer with fruit & veg
- Capacity for more organisations at the moment
- Contact Duncan for more information Duncan.milwain@fountainsbradford.org

FareShare with Leeds FAN are building a food resilience toolkit for Leeds for organisations to use. This is creating the tools, signposting information etc needed to help people out of the food crisis situation. Leeds, like Bradford, has seen a huge increase in the need for food. This toolkit is about to be released, it will be a public document but is specific for Leeds, however some issues are similar to Bradford. The document will be shared once it is published.

Good Food Keighley – Dawn:

<https://www.facebook.com/goodfoodkeighley/>

New project, including social supermarket. Good Food are getting referrals from various organisations in Keighley, including primary schools, Salvation Army, KAWACC, Keighley Healthy Living etc. There is lots of provision in the area. People become members of Good Food Keighley, they have to be ready to move on from foodbanks to become a member. Members pay £1 membership fee and can shop there once per week, they pay £5 and can choose 15 items of shopping, including food and non-food items. Good Food Keighley have also linked up with the Credit Union and members have the option to join, they will still be paying £5 but £1 of this will be saved with the CU. Have been supported with stock items from Salvation Army and Morrisons.

KAWACC – Naz:

KAWACC is a member of the Good Food Project in Keighley and will be making referrals to them. They are doing lots of crisis work and have a small foodbank, last year their numbers increased. Salvation Army have helped with food donations, as have local businesses and In Touch Foundation. Trying to establish a relationship with FareShare and Fountains Church.

Feeding Britain – Elaine:

Feeding Britain is trying to push towards automatic registration for Healthy Start Vouchers, the Children's Commissioner is positive about it. This would help lots of families, giving them fresh food for the children & parents.

Inn Churches are also trying to push Healthy Start vouchers through the Food Savers network, there is currently only 48% uptake in Bradford. The current value of Healthy Start vouchers is £4.25, this makes a big difference to people's finances.

Feeding Britain have also helped Dawn with setting up. They have also held regular network meetings and wider meetings with IFAN to try and effect policy changes.