

GFO: Oxfordshire's network for healthy, fair and environmentally sustainable food for all

Achieving Sustainable Food Places Bronze Award for Oxfordshire in 2021

Looking forward: 12-month plan



Food Governance and Strategy

Advance Policy: Good Food is embedded in institutional planning and policy including: Countywide Climate Action Plan; Healthy Place Shaping Agenda; Growth Board Agendas; Food Action Plans developed for the County and Districts

Representation: Partnership is representative of: County, City and District Councils (including Climate, Public Health, Economy and Communities teams); LEP; local businesses; universities; local communities.

Strengthen the network: 20 new network members from across the Districts; network meetings hosted in Districts. Community Food Networks expand to engage with wider local food system.



Good Food Movement

Build public will: 6 e-newsletters, 12 website blogs, weekly social media, 2 newspaper articles, 4 radio appearances, plus public events

Events for all in 2020-21: Oxfordshire Good Food Festival, Oxfordshire Pumpkin Festival, Switch Up Your Lunch Campaign; Eat them to Defeat Them; Banbury Food Festival; Thame Food Festival; Blenheim Palace Food Festival. Recruit 20 food champions countywide.

Community Growing: Improved access to land for community growing through research, networks and advocacy. Build skills and growing movement via CAGs, Harvest at Home and Banbury Mosque project.



Healthy Food for All

Campaigns: Food Sustainability and Health Group to embed campaigns within education, health and community settings (SUGARSMART, Eat Them To Defeat Them, Healthy Start Vouchers, Food for Life, Children's Food Campaign).

Cooking Confidence and Skills: 30 cooking tutors trained countywide (6 per District). Good Food Cooking Toolkit.

Community Food Networks: Over 100 members from > 80 organisations; Hold 24 meetings/ year across Districts (3 District CFNs x 8 meetings/ year); Ensure average of 10-12 different organisations in attendance for each District.

Food Access: Food access map expanded Countywide; Food Poverty Training for Professionals and Volunteers



Sustainable Food Economy

Networking and promotion: Quarterly GFO network meetings; OSEP Peer to Peer Network and Escalate funding programme; Oxfordshire Good Food Month September 2021; Shop Local Fortnight February 2021. Support online and physical collaborations between producers and retailers.

Research, Advocacy and Intervention: Support good food businesses to access meanwhile spaces via £1.7 million "Meanwhile in Oxfordshire" Programme. Research into Improving Access to Land for Food Production and pilot projects with Cultivate. Map local producers countywide.



Catering and Procurement

Supply Chain Collaboration: Research into Supply Chain Resilience in Oxfordshire; Meet the Buyer Event August 2020.

Institutional Will: 4 new strategic members recruited to Catering & Procurement Working Group (bi-monthly meetings); support tactical collaborations around waste; measure and report reductions in meat and dairy and increases of veg consumption in CPWG institutional meals. Review, evaluate and promote vegetarian school pilot.



Food for the Planet

Waste: Promote awareness among network; foster collaborations with County and District food waste teams; capture and report surplus food saved via foodbanks/ larders/ fridges.

Sustainable Production and Consumption: Promote food surplus programmes; Cooking Toolkit. Crop trial in Cherwell to suit 5-year climate predictions. Support growing projects to supply Community Fridges @ Cherwell Larder and Banbury Mosque.