

FOOD CO-OPS AND BUYING GROUPS

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Food co-ops toolkit now on-line



Our new toolkit is now available at www.sustainweb.org/ foodcoopstoolkit. It has been designed on-line to make it easy to download templates and adapt them to your own use. The toolkit

will also be updated regularly with new content, resources and links. A printed version is currently being produced by our designers but is not quite ready yet. To reserve a copy please e-mail us: foodcoops@sustainweb.org



Organic Veg Box Promotion

Hull based workers co-operative, Arthur St Trading Company, have a new incentive to help the people of Hull to eat healthier and more local food, and generate awareness of organic growers in Yorkshire.



Customers receive a free fourth veg box when they buy three by 31 August 2009. The promotion is available now at www.arthursorganics.com



Community Enterprise Conference

The second Making Local Food Work conference organised by the Plunkett Foundation will take place on Wednesday 30 September at Bristol's Marriott Hotel City Centre. There will be the usual mix of keynote speakers, dynamic workshops and inspirational case studies as well as the opportunity to network over a delicious local food lunch. Tickets are £40 + VAT with a limited number of free places for eligible community food enterprises. To request a booking form please e-mail:

info@makinglocalfoodwork.co.uk.



New Funding Website

The National Council of Voluntary Organisations and The Office for the Third Sector have just launched Funding Central a new free website for comprehensive information about national, local and regional government funding, national, local or regional charitable funding, and EU funding. www.fundingcentral.org.uk

Add your food co-op



Why not add details of your food co-op to our food co-ops finder website and map. The aim of the website is to make it easy for anyone in the UK to find their nearest food co-op or buying group. Even if you are not looking for new customers the map is also useful for any new groups to find out if there is already another community-run food outlet in their area. The website has had over 11,000 hits since it was launched. If you've got a website please add a link to our website www.foodcoops.org NB You can also follow us on Twitter @foodcoops



Join the Local Action on Food Network



Local Action on Food is a new network co-ordinated by Sustain. ACTION The network aims to link together all individuals, projects and organisations that are committed to

a local and sustainable food system in the UK. For a 3 month free trial of the network or to find out more e-mail polly@sustainweb.org quoting Co-op.



Job opportunity in Nottingham

The role of Local Food Worker is to co-ordinate production, sales, collection and delivery of fruit and vegetable, provide training in growing fruit and vegetables and support to volunteers. 5 year post, 3-4 days per week initially (including some weekends) Closing date Friday 10 July. Salary: £18,217 - £19,940 pro rata For full details visit www.ecoworks.org.uk, or contact: info@ecoworks.org.uk or 0115 9622200



Funding alert

Don't forget you only have until 21August to apply for the Local Food Fund www.localfoodgrants.org



