

Rhubarb-e November 2010

Local Action on Food's monthly update

Hello network,

Local Action on Food News

Special offer - free place on Real Bread workshop at Shipton Mill, Gloucestershire

Master baker Clive Mellum of Shipton Mill is running one-day bread making classes in Gloucestershire on 15th and 16th December. They are fully booked, but The Real Bread Campaign has secured one place on each for:

- a food access projects or other not-for-profit organisation with a food element - e.g. community-owned cafe, food co-op stall, box/bag scheme, or lunch club for the elderly
- a public sector canteen - e.g. school, prison, hospital, meals on wheels

This opportunity is open to all Local Action on Food members. To apply contact chris@sustainweb.org but the deadline closes at 12pm on Monday 21st November 2010

Grow a Grocery - toolkit launched by Unicorn Grocery, Manchester

Grow a Grocery: A guide to starting and growing a whole food cooperative, has been produced to share the story and model that has been key to the success of the Unicorn Grocery store in Manchester. It has no plans to expand but wants to encourage other similar initiatives elsewhere. [Download the free toolkit](#)

Every school a food-growing school - new report from the Children's Food Campaign

Sustain's Children's Food Campaign has just unveiled a new report to encourage more food growing activities in our schools. The report was produced with a range of different organisations and is [available here](#).

New film on sustainable food produced by the Kindling Trust, Manchester

Check out this brilliant short film produced by The Kindling Trust as part of its Feeding Manchester project. The film helps define what we mean by 'sustainable food' and gives examples of [local activities in Manchester](#). You might also want to take a look at our own [guidelines for sustainable food](#).

Food and the planning system

We recently presented a paper at The 2nd European Sustainable Food Planning conference on how planning can change the food system. Volunteer Helen Babbs took notes and is planning a short report for the next edition of Rhubarb. She has also had this article on the event published by [BBC News](#).

Please get in touch with Suzanne@sustainweb.org to find out more about this work.

Climate Friendly Food - Carbon Calculator

Climate Friendly Food has produced what it says is the UK's most comprehensive producers' carbon calculator for farmers and the world's first low-carbon food certification scheme. See: <http://www.organicfutures.org.uk>



Funding

Read about the latest funding opportunities from around the country. http://www.sustainweb.org/pdf2/LAOF_funding_update_nov10.pdf

Member spotlight - Vision Culture CIC Gloucestershire

Local Action on Food member Vision Culture CIC provides services to public, private and third sector organisations to help them run programmes to increase community access to healthier, safe and affordable food. It is currently running a Wellbeing at Work programme to tackle poor health in the workplace caused by stress and unhealthy diets. It also produces a health and wellbeing newsletter for health professionals across Gloucestershire. For more information visit <http://visioncic.com/default.aspx> or contact member Adrian Jevans ade@visioncic.com.

Events

Sustains Food co-ops project is running a series of regional events for food co-ops and buying groups around England. For more information visit <http://www.facebook.com/foodcoops>

- **23rd November, Getting Started: How to set up a food co-op/buying groups in your community, Bath**
Contact alison@sustainweb.org
- **26th November, Food Co-ops Networking event, Liverpool**
Contact ruth@sustainweb.org
- **30th November, Getting Started: How to set up a food co-op/ buying group in the East Midlands, Derby**
Contact ruth@sustainweb.org
- **1st December, Setting up a Food Co-op in your community Exeter**
Contact alison@sustainweb.org

16th December, Capital Bee London Summit

With our food security so intimately tied to the fate of the bee, we have called together organisations working with bees in London and the UK to ask: What's happening to bees? And what can Londoners do to help?

A fast-paced afternoon of speakers, with time to debate - and to taste London honey- this is an event for anyone interested in the benefits of beekeeping and in how we can secure them for communities in London. If you are a community group or an institution (like a school, university or prison) thinking of starting up beekeeping, this event will tell you why it matters that you do. If you're a beekeeper or beekeeping organisation, or an existing bee conservation project, come along, join the debate, and inform London's newest campaign. <http://capitalgrowth.org/bees/>

Feb/March 2011 Cookery Leader Training, Lewes London

Two-day mentoring and training for people that are passionate about good food and want to set up cookery clubs or run training in their community. Dates: 9th -10th Feb and 23rd - 24th March. Visit www.communitychef.org.uk to book a place.

9th-10th February 2011 The Soil Association Annual conference 2011 - Food and the Big Society in Manchester

Attend this conference and join the public debate on the role that food can play in making us healthier, becoming more connected to our communities, reducing our carbon footprint and supporting local and national economies. Find out more and buy your early bird tickets at <http://www.soilassociation.org/conference.aspx>.

And finally..your news stories for the next Rhubarb!

Let us know if you have any news or events that you would like to see in print. Please send them to Kelly@sustainweb.org. The deadline is Friday 26th November and we need 100 words or less.



All the best until next month
Polly, Kelly and Suzanne

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