

Sustainable Food Places

Civil Food Resilience

- The Food Plymouth Experience to Date

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Plymouth – Context

- **On the Western Approaches of the English Channel**
- **Major Fishing Port**
- **University City (x 3)**
- **Nuclear Royal Naval Dockyard – Devonport (run down but now being revitalised)**
- **Military Base – Royal Navy; Royal Marines; British Army; (formerly) Royal Air Force**
- **Heavily Bombed During WW II – much unexploded ordnance**
- **Mayflower Steps - Pilgrim Fathers - Colonists**
- **Drake, Hawkins, Raleigh - Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade**
- **90% + White British and Irish**
- **Significant Disadvantage / Deprivation / Poverty**
- **Brexit Leave Vote 59.9% / Big Reform UK gains in May 2026 City Council elections**
- **Home Office Dispersal City for Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

Plymouth - Recent / Present / Future



- COVID-19 pandemic response / Cost of Living Crisis – 2020 and on-going (stress-testing food supply issues)
- Impacts of the UK leaving the European Union (contributing to the issues outlined above)
- SFP REDI programme / SFP Representation & Justice initiative / SFP Fair Food champions
- Race Riots August 2024
- Locality (national VCSE infrastructure organisation response) - Food Plymouth engagement
- Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly (DCIOS) Local Resilience Forum (LRF) contact – on-going engagement ever since (growing through persistent advocacy and realisation that National Food Security is a looming issue)
- Plymouth City Council (Public Health) starting to engage in the National Food Security issue
- Flag Nation / Flag Force / other Far-Right groups remain very active and march / rally / demonstrate (including outside a primary school)
- Stand Up to Racism Plymouth (and wider) counter-demonstrate
- Massive investment in Defence / preparedness for war announced – 40+ year programme
- Surge in Defence-Related Growth predicted

Pillars of practice



CONSISTENCY



SUSTAINABILITY



SCALABILITY

The value Framework

Knowledge

Inclusivity

Relationships

Power

Advocacy





Let's keep pushing for change!



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