

Healthy Food for All

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What is *Healthy Food for All?*

- Origins in *Food Poverty and Policy Report* (2004)
- Involves Govt Depts, Public Bodies, Health Services, NGOs, N/S
- Address barriers to healthy food, relating to access, affordability and availability
- Completing 15 month development phase, looking to expand activities for 2008 +



How did we get here?

- **Food Poverty and Policy Report** (Crosscare, Combat Poverty Agency, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 2004)
- Series of Roundtable events, presentations to Oireachtas Committees, policy submissions and discussions with key stakeholders
- Feasibility Study
- Funding Proposal
- Funding received from HSE, DoSFA, SafeFood, FSAI, CPA



What is food poverty?

- *"Inability to have an adequate and nutritious diet due to issues of the affordability of and access to food" (Friel & Conlon; 2004)*
- Key Features: **Access, Affordability, Availability, Awareness**



Who does it effect?

- 1 in 5 At Risk of Poverty (EU-SILC)
- 290,000 in Consistent Poverty
- 1 in 5 Children (NUI Galway 2006)
- Vulnerable Groups – Lone Parent Families, Elderly, Travellers, Ethnic Minorities, People with Disabilities, Children



Policy Context

- **welfare adequacy**
- **health inequalities**
- **educational disadvantage**
- **food production & distribution**
- **retail planning**
- **food safety issues**



Purpose of HFfA

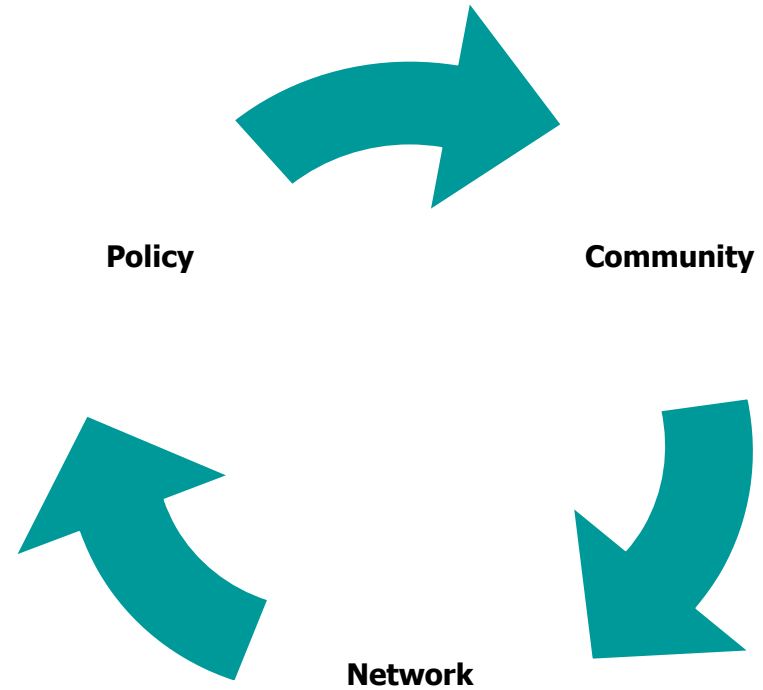
- **Vision** – *"No person on the island of Ireland is denied a nutritious diet for reasons of affordability or accessibility"*
- **Aim** – harness a range of interest groups as a network, committed to working, at both policy and community level, towards a society where everybody has access to a healthy and affordable diet.



Activity of Work

- **HFfA operates on 3 levels:**

- **Community**
- **Network**
- **Policy**



HFfA Structures

- **Project Co-ordinator**



- **Management Group**



- **Advisory Committee**



Benefits of Community Food Initiatives

- **Social Exclusion**
- **Health Inequalities**
- **Educational Disadvantage**
- **Community Involvement**
- **Partnership Working**

CFI's have a positive impact both on the target group and for the wider community



Cross Border Networking Activity

- **Growing Evidence Base (North/South)**
- **Networking Events**
- **Website**
- **Directory**
- **Good Practice Guides**
- **UK Liaison Project**
- **European Federation of Food Banks**



Thank You!

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