

Food Power Festival

17– 20 May 2021

Monday 17 – What tools are needed to build resilient food poverty alliances?

When	Session
11:00 – 12:30	Opening session: The story of Food Power Attendees will be invited to share their favourite moments of being involved in Food Power all of which will be live illustrated. This work isn't always easy, especially during a pandemic, but good stories should be celebrated. This could be building an alliance, delivering a specific project or making a connection with an MP. We want to hear your story so please come along to share your success and learning, hear reflections from the Food Power team and hear more about the rest of the Festival programme
12:30 - 13:00	Lunch at the food truck! Come and join Simon at the Food Power Truck, our virtual networking space for the week. This is a drop in space where you can enjoy a cup of coffee with festival goers before the day starts, arrange to meet alliances you're keen to catch up with or continue conversations after the sessions themselves. Go on, give it a test run!
13:30 - 13:45	Lived Experience Performance Come and watch the first instalment of the multi-disciplinary cabaret showcasing the work of activists, campaigners and those with lived experience, featuring poetry, film, spoken word and more...
14:00 – 15:00	Building a food poverty alliance – from emergency response to a long-term partnership Are you looking to develop a new alliance or food poverty action plan? Are you an established food poverty alliance looking to review your action plan in light of Covid-19? This workshop is for you. Come and hear tales of the good, the bad and the ugly from alliances and action plans and revitalise your work for the Covid-19 recovery. Speakers include Shropshire food poverty alliance, Cambridge food poverty alliance and more
15:00 – 16:00	A master class in data, surveys and indicators Data, surveys and indicators are vital tools to better understand the demand for support and the impact our work has. What data is available? What makes a good survey and what does best practice look like? Find out in this session with Public Health Yorkshire and Humber, Emily O'Brien from Brighton and Hove and Hannah Pitt and Barbora Adlerova from Cardiff University

Tuesday 18 – How can we ensure people have dignified access to support?

When	Title
11:00 - 11:30	Food truck fun! Cecily will be hanging out at the Food Truck and could do with some company. Join her to ask all your festival questions, share your favourite parts of day 1 or just chat before day 2 kicks off
12:00 - 13:00	Making cash first the default option We all know the major cause of food poverty is poverty. So how can we make sure people have more money in their pockets? Join this session to hear how governments, councils and local projects are delivering cash first approaches. We'll hear examples from the Independent Food Aid Network, Good Food Oxford, Moray Council and the Migrant Destitution Fund Great Manchester
13:30 - 13:45	Lived Experience Performance Grab your post lunch cup of tea and watch the multi-disciplinary cabaret showcasing the work of activists, campaigners and those with lived experience, featuring poetry, film, spoken word and more...

14:00 – 15:00	What now for meals deliveries and healthier ready meals? Covid-19 put ready meals back on the table, but how should these continue in the future? This session will explore: Different council-run, community, social enterprise meals offers; How to offer appetising and nutritious meals; How to make these sustainable for the future; and how to maximise benefits at key points in people's lives. Speakers include Simon Shaw, Dartmoor Community Kitchen Hub, Ready Healthy Eat and others
14:00 – 15:00	Healthy Start/Best Start learning network Join this session to hear the latest updates on the Healthy Start scheme from the Food Foundation and hear best practice from the Best Start scheme in Scotland. With the value of Healthy Start vouchers now £4.25 and a digital scheme due to launch in Autumn, we'll explore how to increase uptake and hear from projects doing just that, including Cambridge's Healthy Start veg box
14:00 – 15:30	Festival fringe event - Food Bank: 2021 As It Is Community Theatre, in partnership with Northamptonshire Community Foundation, presents: Food Bank: 2021 , a theatre piece about people's real stories. Please note you must register separately to join this event. Book your free tickets here.
15:00 - 16:00	Coffee at the food truck! Join Emily O'Brien, peer mentor for the South East, in the food truck area for a chat about the festival, food power and anything else you fancy
16:30 – 17:30	Bridging the gap through alternative retail models Alternative retail models, such as food clubs, coops, affordable box schemes, pantries and social supermarkets, have the potential to bridge the gap between food banks and food security. There are lots of models to choose from though. Come along to hear examples from Women's Environment Network, Cooperation Towns and Your Local Pantry and find out how you could deliver something similar in your area
17:00 - 17:30	Take a break with campaigners from the Children's right 2 food campaign Hear how these young campaigners have been putting the right 2 food on the political agenda and get their tips on how to involve experts by experience
18:00 – 19:00	Cook – a – long Tired after a long day of workshops and panels? Struggling to think of what to cook? Don't worry about it! Join us for a cook-a-long with Joe, a chef with living experience of food poverty who cooks with the Virtual Community Kitchen in Edinburgh. Joe will be showing us how to cook a delicious biriyani and a balti curry paste from scratch. A full recipe and kit list will be shared in advance

Wednesday 19 – What have we learnt from the past year?

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10:00 – 11:00	Creative methods to empower & build resilience Join us as we launch a series of photographs of some of the activists, campaigners, creatives & those with lived experience we've worked with over the programme and hear their inspiring stories
11:00 - 11:45	Food Vulnerability during Covid-19 Join this pre-recorded fire side chat to hear from experts by experience involved in the Food Vulnerability during Covid-19 research project
11:00 - 12:00	Holiday Food Provision: from pilots to nationwide scale up Holiday food provision is being delivered across the UK this summer, but how have these projects been scaled up from pilots. Join this session to hear the rural, urban and nations perspective and discuss how these can be improved for the future. Speakers include Food Sense Wales, an activist from the Children's Right 2 Food campaign, the Mayors Fund for London, Shropshire food poverty alliance and Argyll & Bute Council

13:00 – 13:15	Short Film: The Byker Story (working title) Come & watch this short film in which Penny from the Byker Estate in Newcastle talks about her lived experience, activism & involvement in the Food Power Programme
13:30 – 14:15	A national perspective on another unexpected year National organisations, universities and others have stepped up to the challenge of highlighting the inequalities in the UK and push for change. Hear from Kris Gibbon-Walsh, FareShare’s director of network, community and operations and Hannah Lambie-Mumford who leads the food vulnerability during Covid-19 research project to hear their summaries of the past year.
14:30 - 15:30	Connecting food poverty & climate change Food poverty and climate change are of grave concern to many but how can we build a movement and build projects that tackle both issues? Got ideas? This session is for you! Want ideas? This session is also for you! Ruth Westcott, Sustain’s Climate and Nature Emergency coordinator will be leading the session with support from Nourish and Capital Growth.
16:00 – 17:00	Regional Learning Network session Join your final regional learning network of the Food Power programme. Ask your peer mentors for dial in details.
17:15 – 17:30	Lived experience performance Finish your day with the third instalment of the multi-disciplinary cabaret showcasing the work of activists, campaigners and those with lived experience, featuring poetry, film, spoken word and more...

Thursday 20 – How can we make genuine local food resilience a reality?

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10:00 – 11:00	Making resilience a reality: Stories from the beyond Covid-19 support round 15 alliances received financial support from Food Power for projects that can help build local food resilience. Hear about Southwark’s new food Hub, Leeds’s food resilience toolkit, Stockton’s new culturally appropriate retail project and Edinburgh’s family network.
12:00 - 13:00	Fun at the Food Truck Join Cecily from the Food Power team at the Food Truck for a chat, a game or whatever else you fancy. Online Pictionary anyone?!
14:00 – 14:15	Lived Experience Performance Grab your post lunch cup of tea and watch the final instalment of the multi-disciplinary cabaret showcasing the work of activists, campaigners and those with lived experience, featuring poetry, film, spoken word and more...
15:00 – 16:30	The right to food: Where are we now and where do we want to be? In this session we will hear from activists, community groups, and people with lived and living experience who will talk about the campaigns and actions they are involved in that are pushing for the right to food.
18:30 - 21:00	Food Power quiz night CookCareCampaign photo competition awards with Barbora Adlerova followed by the Food Power quiz night with the one and only Ellis Howard, actor, writer, activist and compère extraordinaire.

Logistics

The Festival will be taking place online and joining details for the days event will be sent each morning throughout the festival so watch out for this in your inbox.

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