Conference Event Programme for attendees

Storey’s Field Community Centre, Eddington Avenue, Cambridge CB3 1AA

10am Welcome and introductions from Reverend David Maher, Church of the Good Shepherd, Cambridge

Food Power

This four year programme works with local communities across the UK to strengthen their ability to reduce food poverty and tackle its root causes. Food Power’s goal is to transform the way that people in food poverty access support and create long-term, sustainable lives that are free from hunger. Critical to this aim is engaging local people and alliances, giving voice to those experiencing food poverty, influencing practice on the ground and leveraging in additional resources. Simon Shaw, Food Power Programme Coordinator, UK will present what is happening in other cities and across the UK.

A local Authority perspective

Cambridge City Councillor and director of Cambridge Sustainable Food, Katie Thornburrow will talk about what the City Council’s plans are, the new Sustainable Food policy and work on Poverty and Isolation.

Presentation of Report on Food Poverty in Cambridge

Sam Dyer, Cambridge Sustainable Food Partnership Coordinator will present this newly published piece of work that gives a snapshot of food poverty in Cambridge.

Diversity in our City

Ariadne Henry, Equalities and Diversity officer, Cambridge City Council puts food poverty in context regarding equalities and diversity and explains how access to food can hit some people harder than others.

Group discussions

What aims should the Food Poverty Alliance be working towards?

11.10 Workshops

1. Ensuring children’s access to food 365 days a year
Healthy start vouchers Maddie Guerlain from Food Power
Holiday Lunches David Maher Church of the Good Shepherd

2. Community responses
Foodcycle Alex Collis Eastern Region Foodcycle Coordinator
Cookery Workshops and Community Fridges Sam Dyer, Cambridge Sustainable Food Partnership Coordinator
Cookery and Womens groups: Luthfa Khatun, Cambridge City Council, Assistant Community Development Officer

Wintercomfort for the homeless
Cambridge Sustainable Food
Food Good
CHS Group
Cambridge foodbank
Cambridge City Council
Citizen Advice
3. **Emergency provision:**
Food banks and beyond: Fairbit
Jon Edney and Margaret Saner
Wintercomfort Rachel Newel, Social Enterprise Manager
Emergency Food provision: Signposting toolkit Katie Shortland, Cambridge Sustainable Food

4. **Economic and Structural issues**
CLAS (Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme) Gerry Cano CLAS project Manager, Cambridge Housing Society
A Living Wage Helen Crowther, Equality & Anti-Poverty Officer, Cambridge City Council
Advice and Universal Credit Leisha O’Brien, Foodbank Support Liaison Officer, CAB

12.00 **Lunch**

12.45 **World Cafe:** Question: What actions should be included in a Food Poverty Action Plan for Cambridge?

**Feedback**

1.45 Next steps and close Anna Smith, Deputy Leader and Executive Councillor for Communities

2pm **Close.**