

**Links from Sustain annual conference, Thursday 9 December 2021**

*Conference materials*

The Conference webinar page is [here](#). You will find the [programme](#) and a recording there.

Blog by Sustain CEO Kath Dalmeny on why we need [a Food Bill](#) in England

*E-action*

You can take part in Sustain's Back British Farmers e-action – more better British food to be bought by public sector – by clicking [here](#)

*Stay in touch*

You can sign up to the Sustain newsletter [here](#)

*Useful links to Sustain materials*

You can access Sustain's National Food Strategy hub [here](#)

You can find out more about Sustain's [Food for the Planet](#) campaign here – please urge your council and food partnership to join in.

[The Sustainable Food Places network](#) is 70 members strong, all have thriving food partnerships

Sustain [survey of 500 farmers](#) and farmer friendly supply chains and [news story](#) on the Sustain site showing how a local food network, building on closer and better relationships in a supply chain can help drive better sourcing, better food and returns for producers - food procurement for public plate can help drive this.

Sustain's [Sugar Smart](#) campaign helps organisations to reduce the amount of sugar consumed.

Junk food and drink sponsorship [report](#) by the Children's Food Campaign and [a blog](#) by Barbara Crowther who leads the campaign. Another [blog](#) by Barbara outlines the need to change the school meals agenda towards universal approaches, and ensure it is quality food too.

Case for local food: <https://www.sustainweb.org/publications/the-case-for-local-food/>

If you are interested in trade and standards: <https://www.sustainweb.org/what-we-do/brexit-and-trade/>

### ***Info provided in response to questions in the chat***

If you'd like to know more about what's happening in Wales please read [this blog](#) by Katie Palmer from Food Sense Wales

Friends of the Earth project to help caterers serve climate friendly food: [Kale Yeah](#)

Eating Better's [guide for local authorities](#) on less and better meat.

### ***Shameless Plugs!***

Real Bread Campaign's unique microbakery handbook, Knead to Know. Details of this, and other Real Bread gifts that support our work, available [here](#).

Food Ethics Council [#FoodTALKs](#) take place on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Register to explore COP 26's legacy and next steps for accelerating climate action, hearing from leading young voices that were in Glasgow.

Alliance to Save our Antibiotics has [a petition](#) calling on supermarkets to extend their antibiotic policies to branded produce and imports

Links to the Alliance to Save Our Antibiotics report on [supermarkets and antibiotics](#):

### ***Organisations who shared their websites/details***

[www.brightonfoodfactory.org](http://www.brightonfoodfactory.org)

[localfoodhub@foodexeter.org.uk](mailto:localfoodhub@foodexeter.org.uk), working to feed Exeter City from its surrounds, all organic. Devon already has highest # of organic farmers in the UK and we need 2500ha converted to serve 17% of the City food needs.

[www.grffn.org](http://www.grffn.org). Growing Real Food for Nutrition CIC (Grffn) @Grffn\_CIC learning how to grow, measure and promote the benefits of nutrient dense food for better citizen and planetary health.

Better Food Traders: network of support for ethical food retailers aiming to harness demand to support agroecological/organic farming <https://betterfoodtraders.org/>

[Bedside Kosher](#), which distributes free & fresh Kosher meals to Jewish patients in hospital

[Food Research Collaboration](#)

[Produce & Provide](#)

[eastbrightonfoodcoop.uk](http://eastbrightonfoodcoop.uk)

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### ***Resources shared***

Kelly Parsons' mapping of gov food policy: <http://www.ccri.ac.uk/sharpparsonsblog/>

The Sustain team have recently been inspired by some work on local food movements in the US by [Chris Newman](#) which might be of interest.

The Regenerative Agriculture and Human Health Nexus: [Insights from Field to Body](#)

Greggs were one of six businesses to welcome the NFS recommendation on [mandatory reporting](#).

Find out more on Beyond GM's view on the National Food Strategy [here](#)

Find out more on community supported agriculture and GM [here](#)

Brief by Beyond GM and GM Freeze, Key Issues in the Deregulation of Gene Editing is available [here](#)

Analysis and perspective on government plans to deregulate gene editing: Policy and Regulation of New Genetic Technologies – [Editing or Evisceration?](#)

Genome editing – what are the consequences for [agroecology](#)?

Here is a link to the Welsh Government's [Programme for Government](#), up-dated this week with the commitment to free school meals for all primary school children. It also includes developing a community food strategy. The school meals commitment has come about through a co-operation agreement with Plaid Cymru: short summary on inequalities at global and national levels:

[https://wir2022.wid.world/www-site/uploads/2021/12/Summary\\_WorldInequalityReport2022\\_English.pdf](https://wir2022.wid.world/www-site/uploads/2021/12/Summary_WorldInequalityReport2022_English.pdf)

Article in [Science Daily](#). Time to shift from 'food security' to 'nutrition security' to increase health and well-being

Strong and Bitter Vegetables from Traditional Cultivars and Cropping Methods Improve the Health Status of Type 2 Diabetics: [A Randomized Control Trial](#)

Information on the [Good Food Nation Bill](#) in Scotland

[Article about](#) \$1.1 trillion USD spent on food in America last year (includes food sales, production of food and logistics). Cost of remediation (poor health, environmental impact, etc) is calculated to be \$3.2 trillion USD.

Dynamic Food Procurement resources are now available here after the online launch that happened yesterday: <https://www.dpukfood.co.uk/takeaction>

What is the evidence for the impact of gardens and [gardening](#) on health and well-being: a scoping review and evidence-based logic model to guide healthcare strategy decision making on the use of gardening approaches as a social prescription

[THE POWER of the PLATE](#), The Case for Regenerative Organic Agriculture in Improving Human Health

Some great work on this access to [land and local growing opportunities in Wales](#)

we need to shift funding and perverse subsidies and research focus towards biodiverse agroecology. See [Nov 2021 report](#)

<https://www.cofarm.co/>

Cumbria Action for Sustainability has developed a really interesting approach to growing more local veg and making it more easily available. More [here](#)