

# Greater Manchester Food Poverty Alliance Survey 2019

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## Page 1: Welcome

**Please fill in this survey to help us shape the work of the Greater Manchester Food Poverty Alliance in the future**

We are now working to bring in the funding to employ a new coordinator for the Alliance, who will drive forward the implementation of the Action Plan. Before they come in, we are planning how best to coordinate the Alliance over the next 3 years. We therefore want to understand the impact so far, and to know how the Alliance can support you in achieving our shared ambition of reducing and preventing food poverty.

To do this, we would like to know:

- Your priorities for the Alliance and the Action Plan
- What you/your organisation will be able to contribute to the Alliance
- What help and support you would like from the Alliance.

Please can you complete this short survey – it should take no more than 10-15 minutes. Your answers will be really helpful in making sure that together, we do all we can to make the Action Plan a success. **The survey will remain open until 30th May**

The survey responses will be used to inform the work of the Alliance, and will be kept confidential. We may publish a summary of the survey results, but no individual or organisation will be identifiable (unless you provide a quote in the final question, in which case this quote may appear in reports). Wherever applicable, please answer the survey on behalf of your organisation, rather than as an individual.

## Page 2: Your experience of the Food Poverty Alliance so far

### 1. Tick all that apply

- I/we attended the launch of the Food Poverty Alliance in May 2018
- I/we attended sub-group meetings to help produce the Action Plan
- I/we were part of an Action Plan sub-group but did not attend meetings
- I/we attended the Action Plan launch in March 2019
- I/we have participated in another way

### 1.a. Please specify

### 2. As a result of your experience with the alliance so far, to what extent do you agree with the below statements?

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Not at all	Somewhat	Very much
I/we have increased my knowledge and understanding of food poverty in Greater Manchester	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I/we have increased my action to tackle food poverty in Greater Manchester	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I/we met people I would not have otherwise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I/we have explored working together with new contacts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I/we have felt encouraged that we can reduce food poverty, and I will work with others to make it happen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Food Poverty Alliance is a good framework for collaborative action to reduce food poverty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Page 3: The role of GM Food Poverty Alliance

3. Looking at the actions recommended by the [Food Poverty Action Plan for Greater Manchester](#), which do you think are the **highest priority**? (N.B. 'food support' providers refers to food banks, food clubs/pantries, and other providers of food to people in need.)

*Please tick up to 5*

Please select no more than 5 answer(s).

- Work with food support providers to ensure a more joined-up approach across GM
- Work with food support providers to increase the number of food clubs/pantries
- Work with schools to increase uptake of free school meals
- Work with schools to increase the number of breakfast clubs
- Work with health services to increase uptake of Healthy Start Vouchers
- Ensure that high quality, healthy surplus food is redistributed
- Increase levels of locally/community grown fresh food for community use
- Measure food poverty in Greater Manchester
- Raise public awareness of food poverty
- Coordinate pressure on GM boroughs and GMCA to take the lead on addressing food poverty
- Coordinate pressure on GM MPs to address the underlying causes of food poverty at the national level (eg welfare reform, employment, housing)
- Campaign for better paid jobs in Greater Manchester
- Work with councils and other local partners to pilot a place-based approach to addressing food poverty in selected neighbourhoods
- Other

3.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

4. What are the **key actions** for the Food Poverty Alliance between 2019 and 2022 to

make the Food Poverty Action Plan a reality? *Please tick up to 5*

Please select no more than 5 answer(s).

- Encourage decision-makers/large organisations to become involved in implementing the Food Poverty Action Plan
- Involve Experts by Experience (people with lived experience of food poverty) in every Food Poverty Alliance activity
- Establish networks of food support providers in each GM Borough
- Establish a GM-wide network of food support providers
- Develop an online platform for food support providers that the general public can access
- Promote the Greater Manchester Food Forum (online discussion forum for everyone involved in food and food poverty)
- Organise a yearly assembly bringing together all Alliance members to explore solutions and share good practise
- Send out regular newsletters about the activities of Alliance members
- Lead a public campaign to raise general awareness of food poverty/insecurity across GM
- Provide tailored support/toolkits to local organisations on specific topics
- Organise smaller workshops/task and finish groups on specific topics/areas of particular interest
- Other

4.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

5. What would you/your organisation be willing to contribute to the Greater Manchester Food Poverty Alliance?

- I will pledge/have pledged to take action in line with the Food Poverty Action Plan (if so, please give more detail in the next section)
- I will contribute financially to the work of the Food Poverty Alliance
- I have experience of food poverty in my own life and will get involved as an Expert by Experience
- I will encourage people we work with who have lived experience of food poverty to get involved in the Food Poverty Alliance as Experts by Experience
- I could speak to the media about what we are doing as part of the Food Poverty Alliance
- I could speak at public events about what we are doing as part of the Food Poverty Alliance.
- I could contribute to newsletters about Food Poverty Alliance activities
- I could get involved in discussions/share ideas and good practise on the GM Food Forum <https://forum.gmfoodforum.org>
- I could host/contribute to a workshop on a specific topic/area of particular interest
- I/we could participate in a working group to take forward actions from Action Plan
- Other

**5.a.** What workshop topics would you be most interested in hosting/co-organising?

- Working with the food support system to ensure a more joined-up approach across GM
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- Work with schools to increase the number of breakfast clubs
- Working with health services to increase uptake of Healthy Start Vouchers
- Ensuring that high quality, healthy surplus food is redistributed
- Increasing levels of locally/community grown fresh food for community use
- Measuring food poverty in Greater Manchester
- Raising public awareness of food poverty
- Coordinating pressure on GM boroughs and GMCA to take the lead on addressing food poverty

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5.b. What actions would you be most interested in taking forward as a working group?

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5.c. If you selected Other, please specify:

6. The Food Poverty Alliance aims to pilot a place-based approach, working in four neighbourhoods across GM to tackle food poverty. Would you/your organisation want to be involved in this? *Optional*

- Yes, I/my organisation would definitely wish to be involved in one of the neighbourhood pilots
- I/my organisation would possibly like to be involved but need to know more first.
- No, I/my organisation doesn't want to be involved

6.a. If yes, please tell us why this neighbourhood might be suitable; what skills/resources can you/your neighbourhood offer, and are there other local stakeholders we should involve?



## Page 4: You/your organisation's plans to address food poverty

7. Have you/your organisation made a pledge/commitment to action(s) that will help address food poverty between 2019 and end 2022?

- Yes (to to next question)
- No (go to page 4)

8. Have you told GM Food Poverty Alliance of your pledge?

- Yes
- No [to make a pledge, please email [food@gmpovertyaction.org](mailto:food@gmpovertyaction.org) with 'pledge' in subject line]
- Unsure

9. To what extent has your pledge/decision been influenced by you joining the GM Food Poverty Alliance and/or reading the GM Food Poverty Action Plan? [if your organisation has made multiple pledges, please refer to those that have been most influenced by the Alliance]

Please don't select more than 1 answer(s) per row.

	Not at all	To some extent	Very much
Pledge has been influenced...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Have you set targets (eg dates, numbers of people) for these actions?

- Yes

No

**10.a.** If yes, please give details

**11.** Do you/will you have monitoring/assessment arrangements in place to ensure these targets are met?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know yet

**12.** Will you need advice or help from the Food Poverty Alliance to carry out these actions?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know yet

**12.a.** What kind of help might you need?

## Page 5: Your details

13. Your name

14. Name of your organisation (if applicable)

15. In which borough do you live or work? *(Tick all that apply)*

- Manchester
- Oldham
- Tameside
- Stockport
- Trafford
- Salford
- Wigan
- Bury
- Bolton
- Rochdale
- outside of GM

16. What ethnic group would you define yourself as? *Optional*

- Prefer not to say

- White British
- Other white background (please describe)
- Indian/Pakistani/Bangladeshi/Chinese/Asian British
- Other Asian background (please describe)
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black British
- Middle Eastern/Arab
- Other ethnic group (please describe)

16.a. Please describe

16.b. Please describe

16.c. Please describe

17. What is your age group? *Optional*

- Up to 18
- 18-25
- 26-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 56+

18. Your email address

19. I agree to be contacted by the GM Food Poverty Alliance

- Yes
- No
- Already signed up

20. Is there anything else you'd like to share about your experience of the Alliance so far that hasn't been covered in this survey?

21. Can you provide a quote for us to include in reports to our funders about the positive impact that the Food Poverty Alliance has made? *Optional*

## Page 6: Final page

Thank you so much for taking the time to respond, and for being part of the Alliance. We look forward to updating you soon, and in the meantime please get in touch with any queries or suggestions.

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