



# Developing food poverty alliances

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# Agenda

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**Hayley Richards, South Wales Food Poverty Alliance**

**Zarina Ahmed, Interfaith Food Justice Network, Glasgow**

**Individual activity**

**Table discussions**

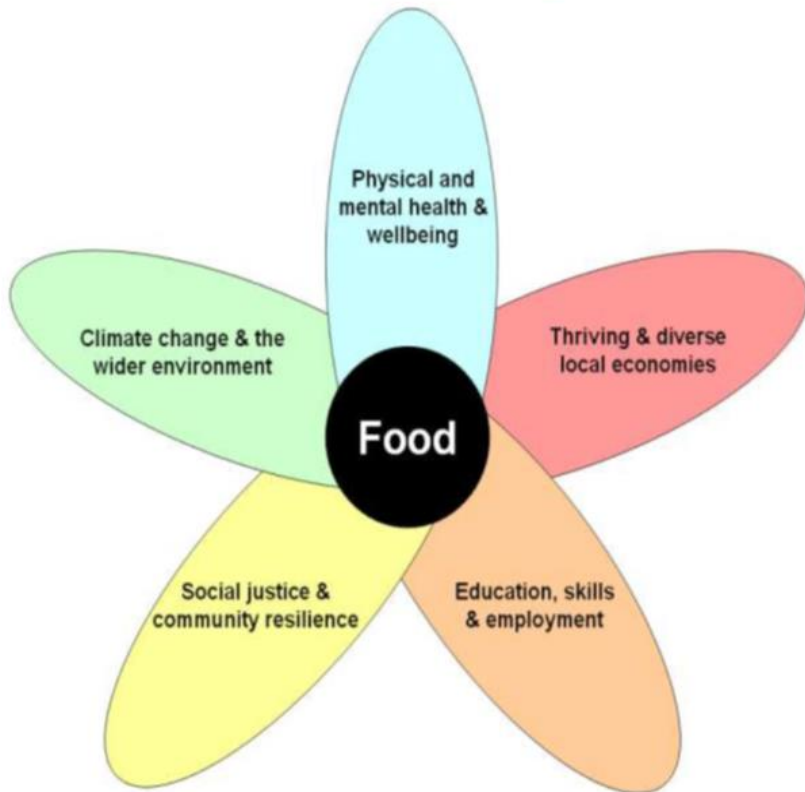
*“Getting involved with food can be a starting point to address other things that are ‘broken’ and lead to progress in other ways...”*

(Ellen, staff member, homeless hostel)



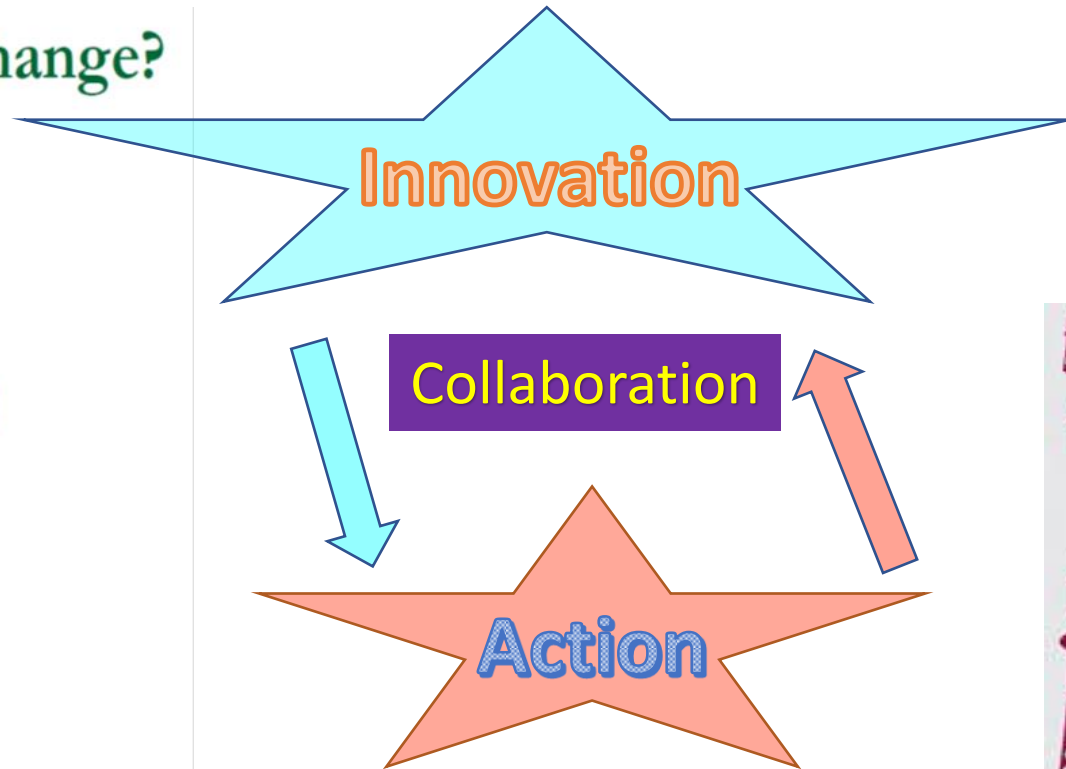
# Food and Community Engagement

Food as the vehicle for positive change?



Source: Kevin Morgan. 2011.  
Sustainable Food Cities  
Conference Bristol.

## Opportunities...



# NEW ACTION: Local Food Poverty Alliance

- Newly formed alliance (Sept 2017)
- Food Plymouth CIC as a 'connecting platform'.
- Key partner (**Plymouth City Council Public Health**)
- Will build on networks and activities
- System wide approach to tackling food poverty.
- Aligning with city strategies & policies (e.g. Plymouth Plan, Sustainable Food Cities (SFC); Thrive Plymouth)

## Food Plymouth CIC

Responding to recommendations set out in the Plymouth Fairness Commission (2014) and subsequent local evidence submitted to several APPI Hunger inquiries (2014, 2015 and 2016), an informal alliance of local partner organisations has been working towards tackling food poverty. We now aim to strengthen this alliance and 'join up the dots'.

Members: Plymouth City Council (Public Health); Livewell South west; CaterEd School meals cooperative; Food is Fun CIC; Devon and Cornwall Food Action; Plymouth Food Waste Partnership; Transforming Plymouth Together and others.

Established: Not yet officially started! (but loose agreement between partners)

Website

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# South Wales Food Poverty Alliance

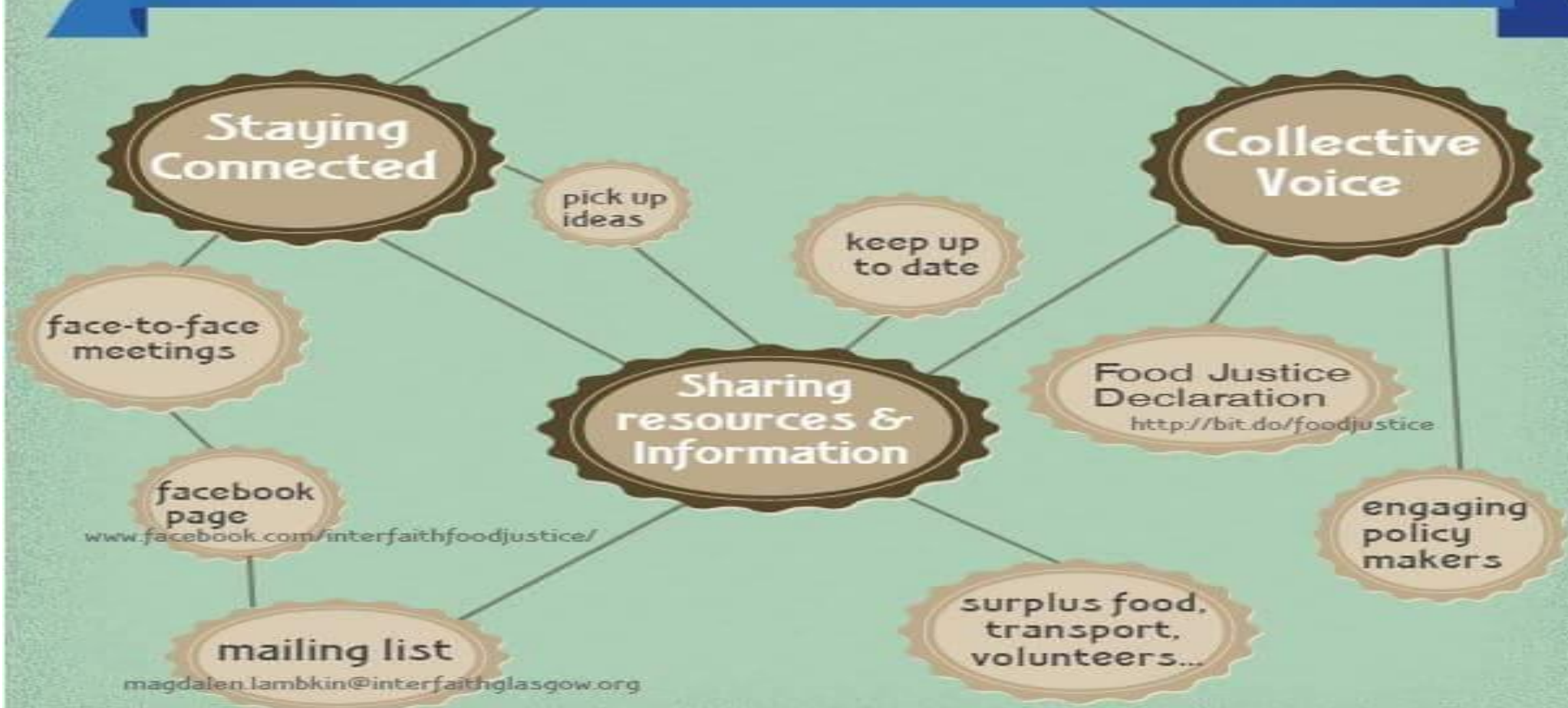
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# Interfaith Food Justice Network

*Supporting each other in tackling food poverty*



IFJN is supported by The Transformation Team and Interfaith Glasgow

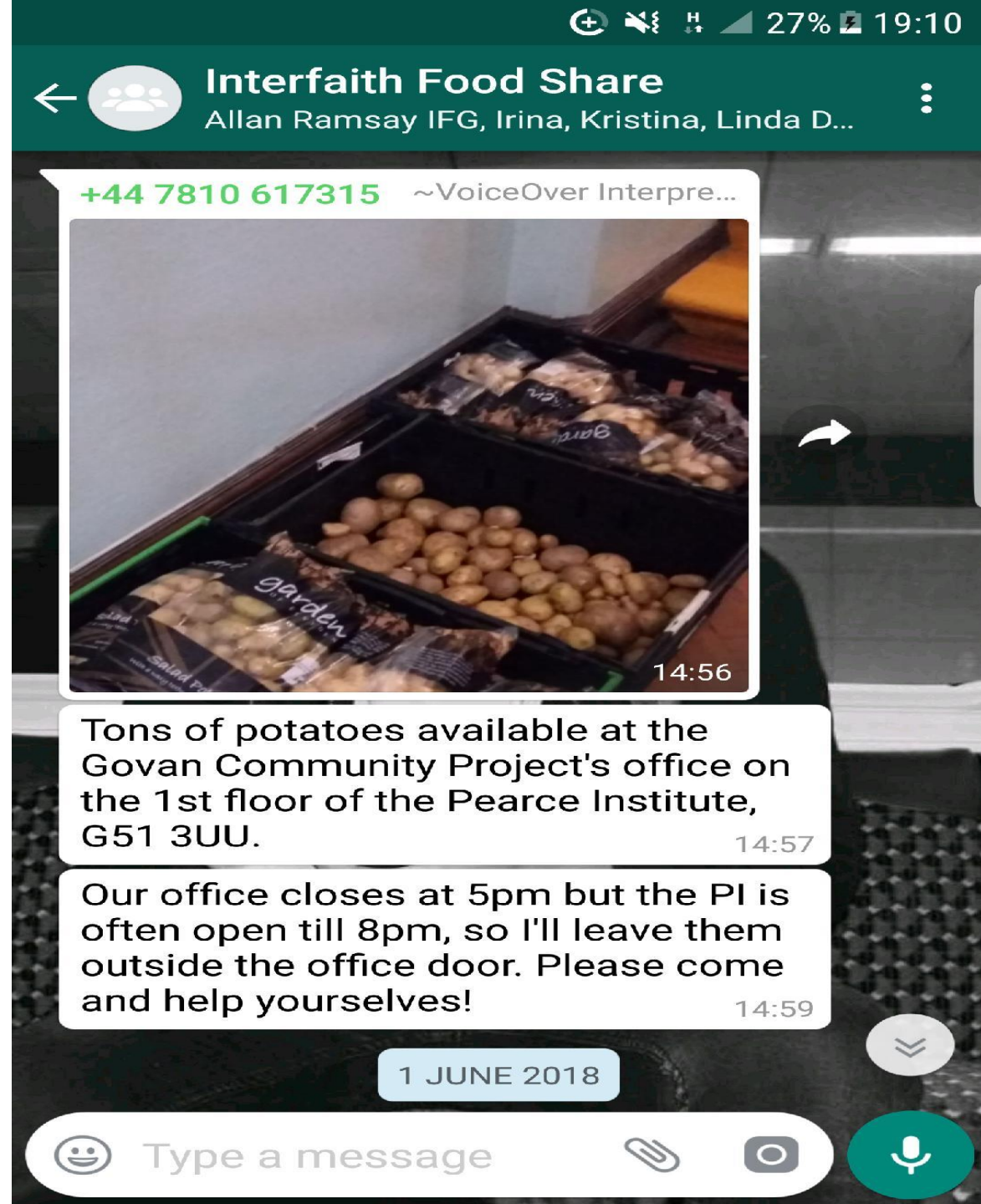






# The Interfaith Food Share

## Whatsapp group





# GOOD FOOD NATION BILL



# FOOD JUSTICE DECLARATION

## Interfaith Food Justice Declaration

We affirm the central role that food plays in our lives. It is both vital sustenance for our bodies, and a way of joyfully nurturing family, community and culture.

Though from different traditions, we share beliefs that move us to action when people in our communities go hungry: access to food is a basic human right, and it is our duty and honour to do what we can to ensure everybody can access food with dignity.

While providing food freely when it is needed, we believe that no one in a rich nation should have to access food banks or other forms of emergency food aid, and we will work towards a society in which they are not necessary.

People experiencing poverty are the experts of their own lives. Their experiences of food poverty should be heard clearly and their testimonies valued.

We recognise that food poverty is a symptom of deep societal inequalities. Therefore we add our voices to the movement for food justice, not just charity: the right of all to access food that is fresh, nutritious, affordable, culturally-appropriate, and grown locally wherever possible, with care for the well-being of the land, workers, animals and the environment.

We pledge to support each other in this work as partners from diverse faith and belief backgrounds, in a respectful spirit of mutual appreciation, co-operation and co-existence, working together side by side for effective change.

### Signatories to the Food Justice declaration:

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# WHAT STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE





# WHERE WE WOULD LIKE TO BE





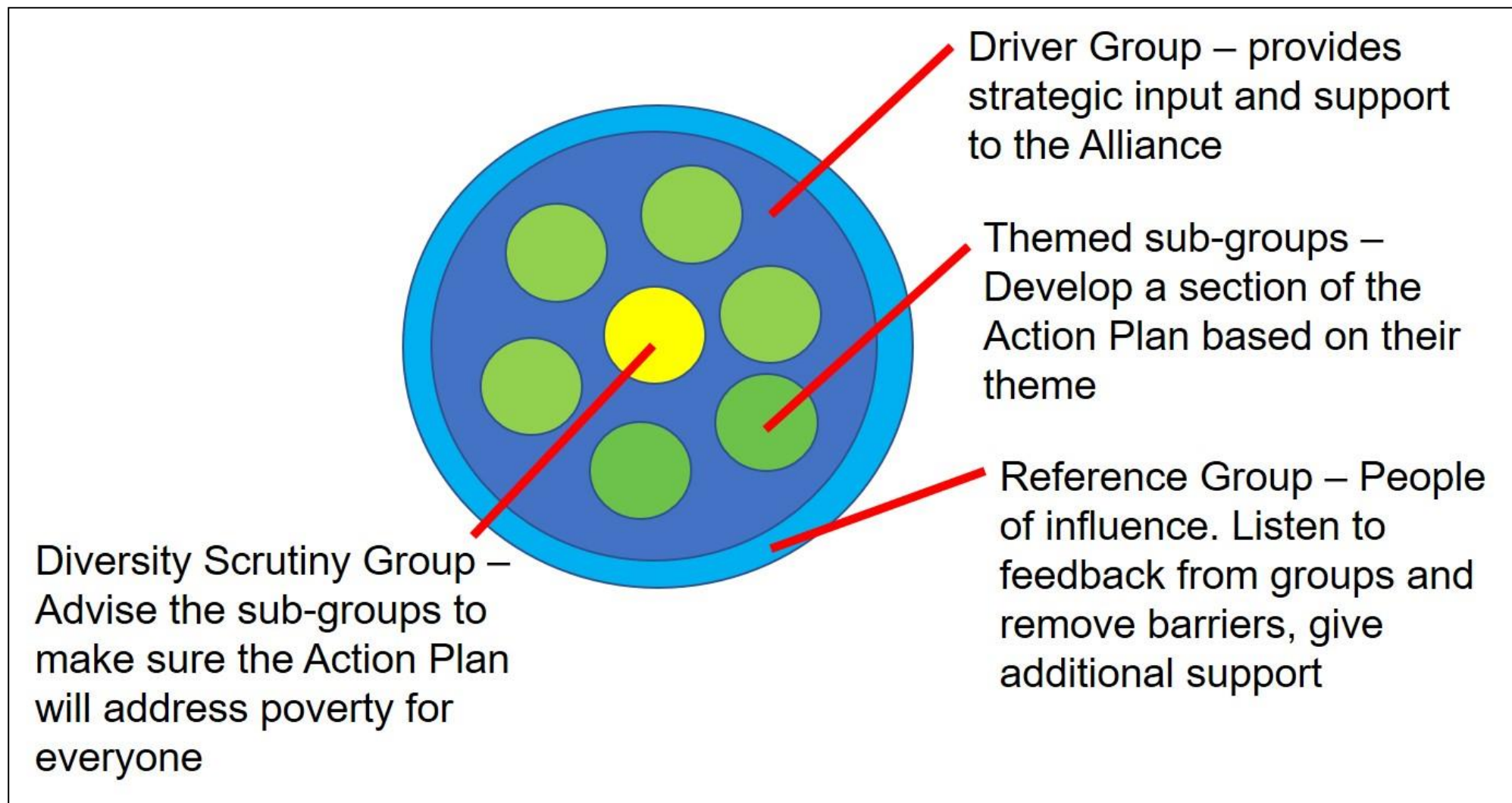
# Interfaith Food Justice Network, Glasgow

**Zarina Ahmed**, Interfaith Food Justice Network,  
Glasgow

[interfaithglasgow.org](http://interfaithglasgow.org)

# Individual activity (5 mins)

What does your alliance look like now and where you would like to get to? E.g.:



Greater  
Manchester  
Food Poverty  
Alliance



# Table discussion (25 mins)

Suggested questions:

- What helps alliances to develop and overcome challenges?
- What could help to ensure wide and diverse representation on alliances?
- What does an effective alliance look like and how to maintain this?
- How could Food Power assist the alliance with the three areas above?



# Discussion notes (1)

*What are the challenges and ways to overcome them*

- The importance of relationship building. And managing challenging personalities within the alliance. Overcoming the challenges of competition between local organisations e.g. competing for funding and how to make the case of the benefits of collaboration.
- Finding things to work on together
- The importance of having tangible outcomes, and with it immediate small steps/actions so the alliance can feel it is making progress. Also the importance of having outcomes agreed between the partners.
- Small (less-well attended) meetings are not failures, and can often be more productive. The importance of perseverance in the face of temporary lags in enthusiasm.



# Discussion notes (2)

*What are the challenges and ways to overcome them*

- The importance of getting the structure right and the balance of a broad alliance and appropriate sub groups.
- The importance of viewing local policies through a food poverty lens. Poverty-proofing policies and priorities.
- The importance of seeing the bigger picture around pay, poverty and the wider food agenda e.g. with promoting Alexandra Rose vouchers, making links with local food growers, so a) the food is locally grown, and b) local food growers benefit financially.
- The importance of finding income to sustain the work of the alliance – potentially from food businesses/enterprises e.g. Real Junk Food project.





# Discussion notes (3)

## *Suggested actions for Food Power*

- Help define (and publish) the difference that a partnership can make (over individual activity) e.g. some testimonials, and maybe in the longer run data.
- Showcase the kind of actions that partnerships are prioritising
- Defining key skill sets for alliances e.g. some are having to step in to be logistics or catering managers if these skills are lacking. Is there an outline of the key 'ingredients' that alliances may want to consider ensuring are represented on the alliance. And also evaluation templates they can use.
- Financial support and mentoring to help the lead drivers of the alliance in local areas (and not assuming that because they are the leads that they know everything)
- F.P. officer presence at meetings gives weight to the arguments locally – both in terms of having the national link, but also the evidence.





# Discussion notes (4)

## Further information

- There's a lot of useful advice on this page: <http://sustainablefoodcities.org/getstarted> which then links to the following documents:
  - Getting the Basics Right - <http://sustainablefoodcities.org/getstarted/gettingthebasicsright>
  - Setting up a partnership - <http://sustainablefoodcities.org/getstarted/gettingthebasicsright/settingupafoodpartnership>
  - Stakeholder representation - <http://sustainablefoodcities.org/getstarted/gettingthebasicsright/settingupafoodpartnership/stakeholderrepresentation>
  - Developing a joint vision - <http://sustainablefoodcities.org/getstarted/gettingthebasicsright/settingupafoodpartnership/jointvision>
  - Partnership structure - <http://sustainablefoodcities.org/Portals/4/Documents/Governance%20and%20Structures%20Guide%20FinalAM.pdf>
  - Terms of Reference - <http://sustainablefoodcities.org/getstarted/gettingthebasicsright/settingupafoodpartnership/termsofreference>
  - Financial Sustainability - <http://sustainablefoodcities.org/getstarted/financialsustainabilityguide>