



Local Food, Social Enterprise and the Future

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Making Local Food Work Summary of presentation



- What is *Making Local Food Work*?
- Local Food and Economics
- 'Happily Ever After' for local food: what does this look like?
- Examples and Inspiration from across UK



Making Local Food Work



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Making Local Food Work focuses on promoting community enterprise as a solution to local food needs.

The programme is a partnership of six organisations, each involved in supporting communities to answer their own food needs

Our goal is to put in place a range of viable, resilient, locally controlled and principled local food enterprises, which, between them, actively contribute social, economic, and environmental benefits to the communities they serve and help to address the challenges of food access and food security.

Our work is primarily funded by the Big Lottery Fund





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Local Food and Economics

Local food is essential to the future of Britain's food system; therefore local food requires long-term solutions



Local food initiatives must have long-term, sustainable plans

Grants and External Funding for activity is quickly diminishing



Local Food Initiatives must consider how they can 'wash their own face' financially

Co-operation and collaboration are the key to success



'Happily Ever After' for local food

how can policy makers support local food

Local policy makers can help support local food through **acknowledgement** and **engagement**

Acknowledgement of key opportunities:

communities are increasingly **taking control** of food production and food security through developing **direct relationships** between the people who produce and consumer food



This trend must be considered in development of future food policy and food regulations

Engagement to alleviate key barriers:

Planning laws

Purchasing land

Procurement policies

Development of food policy/regulation



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Examples and Inspiration from across the UK



Making Local Food Work Snapshot of UK Activity



Community Supported Agriculture	Camel CSA
Food Coops and Buying Groups	Ferriers Food Coop
Cooperatively owned Farmers Market Operators	Portishead Farmers Market
Sustainable models of Home-Produced Food	Worcestershire Country Markets

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