



Tackling Food Insecurity

Utilising Surplus Food

Working in Partnership

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Vision

To improve the wellbeing of people in Yorkshire and see an end to Food Insecurity in our region.

Mission

To achieve this we will:

- Grow our Community Food Member network and support the development of their services through the provision of surplus food and sharing of resources.
- Build the skills & knowledge of individuals through our Volunteering, Employability & training programmes to help people thrive and be independent.
- Work innovatively with the food industry to intercept more quality surplus food and reduce the amount of food being wasted.
- Be an active participant of local & national networks and partnerships who seek to tackle the root causes of Food Insecurity.



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2019 SUMMARY

- 172 Charities, Community groups and Schools access food through the work of FareShare in Leeds as often as every week.
- Total food (Chilled, Ambient and Frozen) provided to registered organisations was 381,000kg, helping provide over 907,000 meals. The approximate retail value of this food is £571,000.
- In summer 2019, 39 Healthy Holiday Clubs were supported through Leeds Community Foundation and LCC with 15.2 tonnes of food providing over 36,000 meals.
- FareShare supports the food element of the LWSS (Local Welfare Support Scheme) processing referrals and providing emergency food parcels through a network of 28 sites across the city or through direct delivery by FareShare.
- Launched an Employability Programme supporting 36 individuals on a path to sustained employment, alongside supporting 71 volunteers who provided 7,191 hours of their time.

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Our work in the city would not be possible without the support and engagement of many partners and supporters.

This includes:

- Working with LCC departments including work with Job Shops, setting up of food collection points and supporting Debt and Gambling awareness events.
- 43 Corporate volunteering days with ASDA, Yorkshire Building Society, Hitachi, HSBC, First Direct, Royal Mail and Arla which raises the awareness of the work in the city and food insecurity.
- Working with Schools Catering Leeds to supply surplus food for funded and unfunded initiatives.
- Supporting Freedom for Girls to store and distribute items to tackle period poverty.
- In November, through a LCC Healthy Eating advisor we approached schools across the city with an offer of free fruit. 31 schools took up the opportunity and approximately 11,146 apples were distributed to school children within 48 hours.