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Training for building resilient and dignified food systems

Our training offer supports local authorities, food partnerships and community food groups to move <u>beyond short-term</u> crisis response and toward the development of a fully integrated, preventative, resilient and <u>dignified food and local support system</u>.

The four training modules do not need to be completed sequentially. Instead we provide organisations with a bespoke offer that aligns with where each organisation is on their journey and their specific objectives

Ending Reliance on Emergency Food Aid: a four-tiered training model

Level 1: DIGNITY
Dignity and Community Food Groups

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Level 2: RESILIENCE
Trauma informed training and structured support for resilience

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Level 3: STRENGTHENING
Working together as local authorities and food partnerships to strengthen food systems

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LEVEL 4: TRANSFORMATION
Design and deliver a transatiopn away from emergency food

FOR: Community food groups, emergency food aid provider, LFPs

WHAT: A practical, interactive introduction to embedding dignity within community food provision, using the ADFS Dignity Toolkit to audit and improve current practice

FOR: Community food groups, emergency food aid providers and LFPS

WHAT: Embedding trauma-informed practice, structured volunteer support and clear governance processes

FOR: Local authorities, food partnerships and community food groups

WHAT: A strategic training for local authorities and food partnerships to strengthen community food systems by embedding the ADFS Charter of Rights

FOR: Local authorities, food partnerships, statutory services, and VCSE organisations

WHAT: A comprehensive, systems-level training to support local authorities in using the CRF to design and deliver a transition away from emergency food aid.

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4: Creating a local food support transition strategy that builds resilience and dignity

For: Local Authorities and Food Partnerships

How: One- day workshop in-person or online

This workshop is designed to support **local authorities** and **food partnerships** to use relevant funding including the **Crisis and Resilience Fund** to transition the local community food system toward ending reliance on emergency food parcels.

Participants will explore how to create **support systems** that **meet the immediate needs of people in crisis** while helping them **access longer-term solutions**. The workshop supports the development of a **Food Bank Exit Plan**, including **cash-first approaches** that provide people with **financial support** at the point of need. We also look at how **advice, referral,** and other **resilience services** can work together to provide joined-up support.

Local authorities will learn how to **map their community food system** and related **support services**. Using this knowledge, they will develop a clear **three-year strategy** to reduce the routine use of emergency food aid by **improving access to benefits, housing, health, and social care support.** Participants will also receive guidance on identifying funding opportunities and planning for future challenges

4: Creating a local food system transition strategy for preventative community food provision

In these two workshops, you will cover:

- The role of funding, including the CRF, in shifting from emergency food aid preventative, resilience-focused support
- Mapping the local food system and crisis infrastructure to identify gaps in support, duplication, under-resourcing and opportunities for greater coherence.
- Creating a shared understanding of local authority responsibilities in crisis response, safeguarding, mental health and financial wellbeing.
- How to transition away from emergency food aid to sustainable models of support
- Understanding cash-first approaches and alternatives to emergency food aid
- Measuring impact and success

Practical learning includes:

- Public health impact mapping of community food systems- understanding the physical, mental, social, economic, environmental impacts
- Developing a 3-year local strategy to transition from emergency food aid that redefines partnerships and improves collaboration and integration of statutory and community provision
- Mapping the local food system and crisis infrastructure to identify gaps in support, duplication, under-resourcing and opportunities for greater coherence.
- Identifying strategic training and support needs locally