

The Bradford Sustainable Food Partnership 2025 'Food Symposium'

“Turning Activism into Action”



Welcome and house keeping

Reflection and thank you

Councillor Susan Fricker

Chair of the 'Bradford Sustainable Food Partnership'





A reminder of why we're here today...

- It's about trans-disciplinary approaches towards solving today's critical global health challenges. And the links between human, animal and environmental health
- The global food system is one of the largest drivers of climate change, nature loss and poor health. It accounts for around **25-30% of all GHG emissions** and causes **1 in 5 deaths globally**.
- Not only is it GHG emissions and deforestation (Land use change), but also freshwater use, eutrophication of waterways, and biodiversity loss.
- **6% of GHG emissions relate to food waste.** (9 million tonnes in the UK alone), yet in areas like Bradford, over **20% of people experience food insecurity**.

IT'S BEEN 2 YEARS!

Circular growing

Pilot with 12 primary schools, Grow2School and school food matters

- Skills and knowledge in schools
- Growing in schools
- Selling in Darley Street Market

Free School Meals

2,500 additional children auto-enrolled thanks to Revenue and Benefits, and FixOurFood (c.£3m+ investment Primary School Premium)

#GrowWell

Hugely successful growing campaign delivered spring 24 and 25

- Small grants
- 300+ Fruit trees/bushes
- Over 2,000 growing kits
- New website, resources and videos

Nourishing Communities

InnChurches & Food Savers rolling out the cash first food voucher project to support food insecure, underserved communities with long term health conditions

Fruitful Bradford

Four new locations across the district with access to equipment to juice fruit and help reduce surplus fruit, through Fruit Works

Whole Sale Market

Research through Leeds Uni on St James Wholesale Market to help improve function, infrastructure and local opportunities

Menu Swaps

FixOurFood and York Uni leading on co-producing new sustainable menus with primary schools across the district to influence catering.

Darley Street Market

- New market
- The launch of the national food strategy vision
- Healthy and Sustainable Charter
- Cookery school and the Wellnest
- Food waste and 'Plenty at the Square'



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9woCgpyfyBw>

Fruitful – Fruit Works



- Four community hubs offering juicing equipment library
- Reduce surplus fruit waste across the district
- **Try it today – Civic room 1**

Woodville Community, Woodville Road, Keighley BD20 6JA

Wibsey Community Gardens, Wibsey BD6 3EQ

Foodsavers Storehouse, 116 Caledonia St, Bradford BD4 7BQ

Kirkgate Community Centre, Shipley BD18 3EH



Juice It Yourself

You borrow the kit for yourself, your family, friends, street or community group to make your own juice.

[Learn More](#)



Juice It With You

You bring your apples to one of the community hubs to make your own juice there, with their equipment.

[Learn More](#)



Juice It For You

You bring your apples to one of the community hubs and they press them and bottle the juice for you.

[Learn More](#)



Juicing For Fun

The kit is used as part of a Community Apple Day, where people come together to celebrate the harvest.

[Learn More](#)



Food for thought – Takeaway from today?

“Turning Activism into Action”



Keynote Speaker

Shanaz Gulzar

Creative Director of BD25



Break out rooms

- 1) **Nourishing Communities** – Ernest Saville Room (This floor)
- 2) **CRiSS project** – Committee Room 2 (1st Floor)
- 3) **Fair Food Futures** – In here
- 4) **Takeaways and Markets** – Committee Room 5 (1st Floor)

Keynote Speaker

Professor Tim Lang

Professor of Food Policy at City University London's centre for food policy, and author of the national report "Just in Case: 7 steps to narrow the UK civil food resilience gap"



Why a focus on food resilience and preparedness needs partnerships

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Talk to Bradford Food Partnership, 3 November 2025



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Thank you and reflections



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