**Healthier and Resilient Food Systems - Case Study**

The YH Healthier and Resilient Food Systems Network is creating a repository of case studies from different local authorities and organisations to showcase how they have approached development of a local sustainable food system, or any single aspect of one, including tackling food insecurity. In creating and promoting the repository, we want to give local authorities and wider stakeholders the opportunity to learn from each other by sharing good practice and lessons learned in relation to developing a sustainable food system.

Please use the case study template below and return to Nicola.smith@dhsc.gov.uk

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| **Case Study** All case studies should be written with a view to share learning that would benefit any organisation looking to carry out something similar. |
| **Background/Context**What was the current situation? What is the problem/issue? What is the reason for the change? |
| Like in the rest of the UK, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted that there was a level of food insecurity in Craven. From this the Food Partnership formed, and a high level of initial research undertaken to identify the pockets of food insecurity. As well as specific pockets, research identified that individuals experiencing food insecurity were not aware of the available services to them in Craven. Research identified that the “It’s Okay to Ask For Help” leaflet produced by Craven District Council during the pandemic was seen as incredibly helpful and useful for individuals experiencing food insecurity and individuals working in the food insecurity sector as a good form of signposting. Craven Food Partnership was introduced to Food Power, which sadly as a result of funding no longer exists. However, Food Power introduced Craven Food Partnership to the cash first leaflet and the theory behind it.  |
| **Solution: how does it work? What was involved?**Please explain what changes you have implemented, core activities and who is involved.  |
|  Cash First Leaflets are created as resources for people facing financial crisis and anyone supporting them, to quickly see local advice and support which is available to help. We have been working closely with the Independent Food Aid Network to create our own version of the Cash First Leaflet based upon local organisations and support available locally to Craven. Our work has not yet been completed but we have created various drafts of the leaflet, working as a subgroup of Craven Food Partnership to identify key organisations and key support available to individuals across Craven. We have been careful to identify support that is not just focused on individuals who reside in the more urban areas. Examples of organisations included in our cash first leaflet include:* Skipton Food Bank
* The local Age UKs
* NYCC- appropriate funding
* Citizens Advice
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| **What has been the impact of this work?** Please summarise any outcomes/outputs or the intended objective of this work. |
| We have not yet launched our leaflet but hope to do so in the next few months. We hope the leaflet is both accessible and useful to both individuals in crisis but also to the individuals who support those in crisis. We hope it becomes a signposting tool for the support available in Craven; support which perhaps is unknown to the individual using it.  |
| **What has helped this work to be successful?** Please highlight any success factors relevant to an organisation looking to implement something similar.  |
| Working as a partnership and collaborating with key organisations and partners to capture experience and knowledge of many. The initial research element also helped us identify key barriers that we can target our work towards reducing. |
| **Were there any challenges? If yes, how were these mitigated?** Please highlight any challenges and ways to overcome, minimise these or avoid from the outset. |
| Capacity of our partners was identified at the beginning as a potential barrier. We avoided this by working collaboratively as a partnership.  |
| **Any other advice or information?** Is there anything else you would like to share that others might learn from? |
| Any advice I would give would be would be to do the learning and research first before starting a project, so for us that was attending numerous webinars and interactive sessions with Food Power.  |