



Community Growing and The Glasgow City Food Plan

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The Glasgow City Food Plan

- **The vision** is for Glasgow to be recognised for its good food and as a city where tasty, healthy, affordable food is accessible to everyone.

- Reports quarterly to the Glasgow Food Policy Partnership (GFPP) and annually to the Community Planning Partnership
- Developed collaboratively over 2 years by a core group from GCFN, GCC, GCPH, GFPP, HSCP and NHS GGC with involvement of stakeholders and community groups



Glasgow Food Policy Partnership Partners



Food Plan Development



- City-wide partners commit to Glasgow city food plan (2019)
- Core project team set up to co-ordinate the process
- 70 organisations participate in a planning day
- 6 themed working groups
- Draft plan produced (2019/2020)
- Pandemic pause: learnings from COVID-19 incorporated
- Consultation period from October-December 2020
- Accountability and review process agreed
- Launch of the 10-year plan, June 2021



Long term outcomes

1. Improved access to healthy affordable food and reduced food insecurity.
2. Increased understanding of the food system (including nutrition and sustainability).
3. More opportunities for communities to enjoy cooking and growing together
4. A thriving local food economy which promotes fair work and principles of sustainability.
5. Increased availability and use of seasonal, locally grown and produced food in or close to Glasgow.
6. Improved health and wellbeing as a result of improvements in our food system and food environment.
7. More food produced in ways that are good for the environment.
8. Reduced food waste, increased redistribution of surplus food, and reduced environmental impact from food waste.
9. Reduced greenhouse gas emissions (direct & indirect) from our food system.



An evolving plan

- 10-year time frame
- Annual reports
- Learning and developing as we go
 - Revision in progress



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➤ Approach

Recognising and respecting the work of the community food sector

- Dedicated, skilled workforce
- Many years of experience and trusted relationships
- Understanding of the food system and the connections and interdependencies that are not always reflected at policy level
- Able to tailor interventions to local need and be adaptable and responsive.



Building on the strong foundation, helping address the challenges and developing the positive impacts of community food work in Glasgow.





➤ Action Areas

- Resources and planning
 - online food hub to share resources
 - increase community involvement in planning
 - increase space for food growing
- Food education
 - with schools, in colleges, in the community
- Resilience
 - cooperative working
 - training
 - adequate funding
 - pay and employment rights

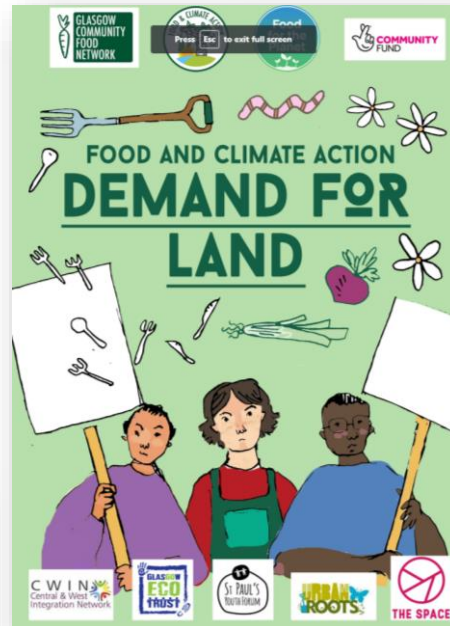
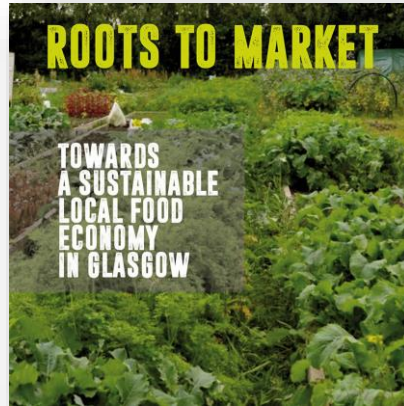




➤ Challenges

- Resources
 - Precarious funding
 - Staffing (volunteers and community-based staff).
 - Training and development (and valuing this workforce)
- Access to land and local spaces
- Routes to market
- Quality of soils and contaminated land





Groundwork:
A Market Gardeners' Toolkit



Created by Propagate in a collaboration with the Glasgow Community Food Network (GCFN) and with art by illustrator Emily Tough





Good food for all

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