



The Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act

Reflections, Opportunities and Looking Ahead



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WHAT BETTER LOOKS LIKE



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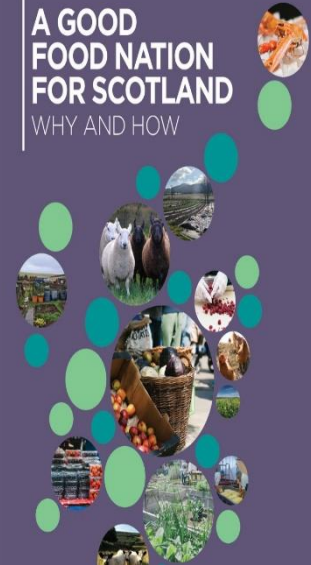
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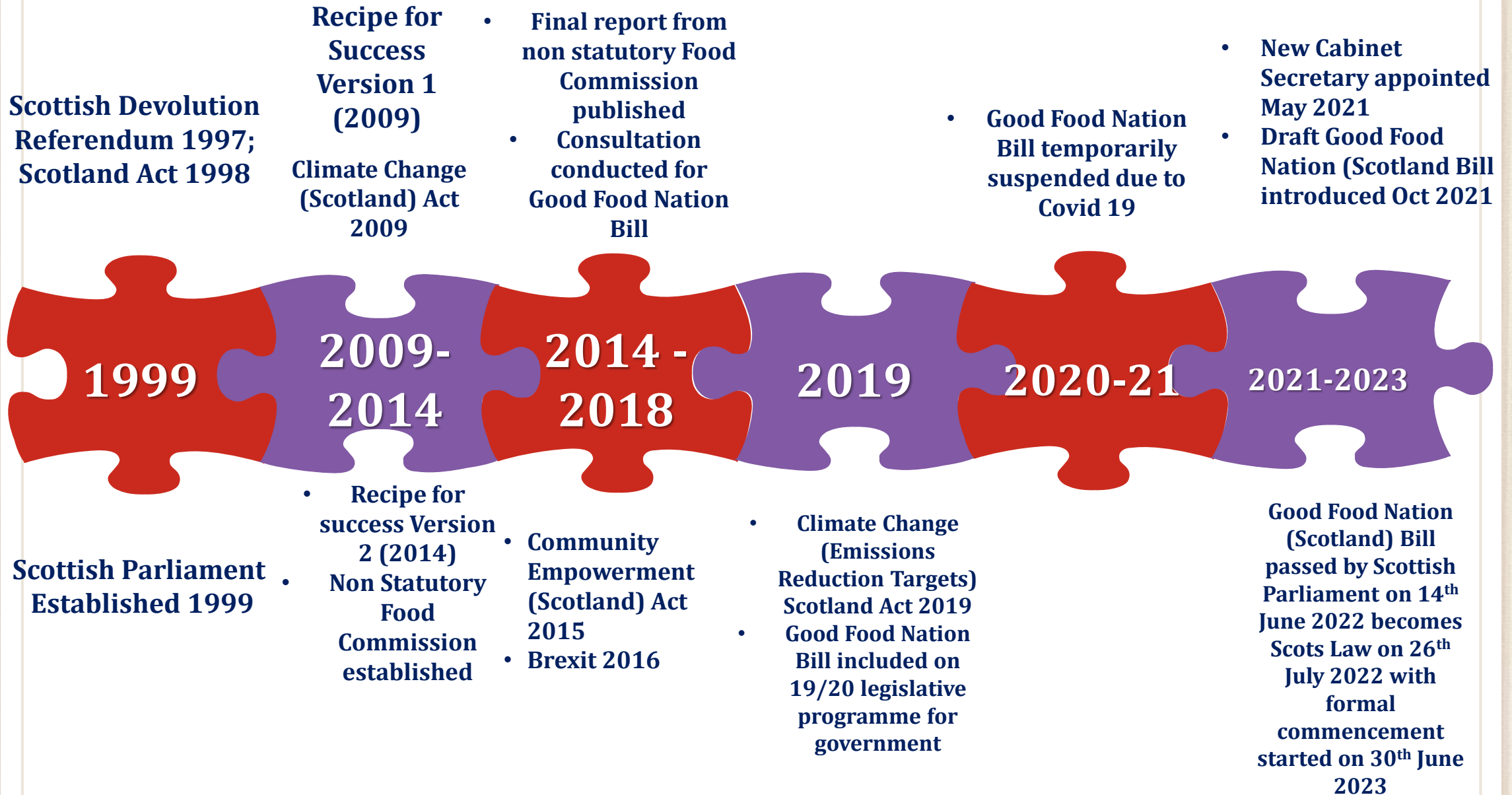
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Scottish Government Original Vision for a Good Food Nation Vision

A Good Food Nation (GFN) is a nation “*where people from every walk of life take pride and pleasure in, and benefit from, the food they produce, buy, cook, serve, and eat each day*” Scottish Government Recipe for Success: Scotland's National Food and Drink Policy, Becoming a Good Food Nation; Scottish Government, 2014.

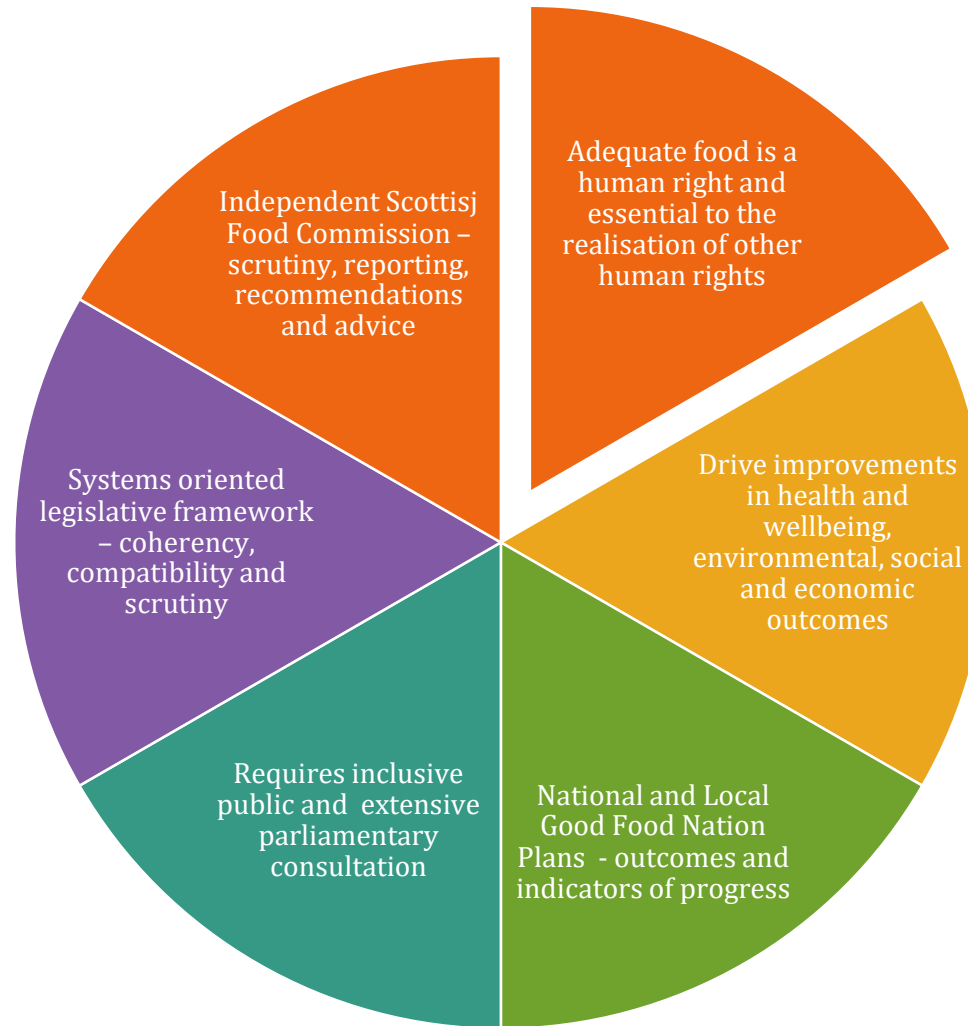


A long and winding political and policy road



In a Snapshot...

The Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act





“A huge achievement for Scotland. The Good Food Nation Bill is a great example of a successful Right to Food campaign. A key victory that is part of a broader goal of transforming the food system”

Michael Fakhri, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food (Wed 15th June 2022)



Community Food in Action



Lessons from communities across Scotland

Affordable and
Proximal Housing

Workforce – access,
skills, pay and
conditions

Acute Poverty

Role of Crofting &
Small producers

Local Authority
Engagement, Support
and Coherence

Complex, demanding
work lives (multiple
jobs)

Dynamic populations

Access to, and
ownership of, land

Public and 3rd Sector
Funding Crisis

Local infrastructural
challenges

Regulatory challenges

Opportunities for
creative public food
partnerships

Innovative local and
regional food
networks,
partnerships and/or
enterprises

Central role, and
precarity, of 3rd Sector
organisations

Precariousness of
Farming and Food
Production

Culture and Tradition

Local School Food Procurement on Arran



- Pasture fed Eggs (and on site packing shed) on Arran from Woodside Farm (North Ayrshire)

Community Supported Food on Arran Innovative Partnerships, Enterprise Investment and Low Tech Solutions

Woodside Farm on the
Isle of Arran – Growing
Local Veg and Producing
Eggs on Arran...



- The magic of the Keder House (or poly crub)

But thwarted by grant bureaucracy, requirement for matched funding, lack of materials and contractors, contract security, housing for workers and access to land

Garadh Bhagh A Tuath, Isle of Barra

Innovative
Community
Enterprise with
specialist, full time
employees (gardening,
volunteer engagement,
fundraising, mental
health support; special
needs; café and shop)



But thwarted by the relentless burden of fundraising and associated bureaucracy, growing demand for their services; juggling income generation with core mission and purpose and managing volunteer community



Maxwell Centre Community Garden in Hilltown, Dundee

**Innovative
Community
Partnerships with
specialist, full time
employees (gardening,
volunteer engagement,
fundraising, social work
support**

**But thwarted by precarious, short term funding, increasing demand for their services,
rocketing poverty and increasing burden of fundraising and associated bureaucracy**

A Living Good Food Nation Lab for Scotland

Wellcome Trust Funding –
University of Edinburgh
Early 2024

Fostering a skilled, agile, diverse Scottish food systems transformation community of practice, provide analytical and policy support for development of GFN plans and uncover the barriers to, and enablers of, positive health centred, net zero aligned food systems transformation in Scotland.

<https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/people-and-projects/grants-awarded/building-health-centred-net-zero-aligned-food>



What's next for the The GFN (Scotland) Act...

