

Our Hearts were in our Mouths ... and other good food stories

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- Publicly available sustainable food policy –
 reported on annually at senior level
- Sustainable food actions: eggs, fish, seasonal, organic milk, less and better meat, reduced bottled water
- Student food co-ops or veg box / bag schemes
- Meat free Monday / Part Time Carnivore

Using purchasing power as an anchor for sustainable university communities.

Sean Farmelo Students For Co-operation.



Students for Cooperation is a democratic federation of student co-ops across the UK, organising for social change.

Why act as an anchor institution?

- Universities are in the position to think long-term about their supply chains.
- Purchasing power should be used nearby to benefit local communities.
- Benefits of keeping money local in catering services, food supply chains and waste: Lower carbon emissions, local job creation, strengthened community links and better quality fresher produce.

Why support co-ops?

- The Co-op model all shapes and sizes.
- Opportunity for student engagement, business experience & skills creation.
- Co-ops won't upsticks and leave, their needs, like a universities are rooted in their community.
- Case Study: Evergreen Co-operatives a system of co-operatives providing laundry, solar and veg growing for anchor institutions – Cleveland University and local hospitals http://evergreencooperatives.com/
- Case Study: Manchester Veg People a multi stake holder co-op connecting local growers, restaurants and catering services http://vegpeople.org.uk/

Where to start?

- A short purchasing audit, what are you buying, where does it come from and who does it benefit most. Are you able to build up long term positive relationships with purchasers?
- Buying groups, allotments, growing houses. Support available from, Students For Co-operation, Co-operative Business Consultants.
- (CSA) Community Supported Agriculture if universities are prepared to go in for the long haul on sustainable food creation they can bring real benefits to small businesses that would otherwise struggle.

The Catering Mark in universities



Swansea University Prifysgol Abertawe

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University of Wales. Newport









UNIVERSITY OF SURREY

he University of Manchester









Canterbury Christ Church











the UNIVERSITY **GREENWICH**







at Cheltenham and Gloucester



Food for Life Catering Mark - an overview



- A voluntary set of independent standards
- Inspected annually quality insurance and integrity
- A clear framework for sustainability, local procurement and health
- Celebration and reward
- Bronze, Silver and Gold levels

FRESH FOOD YOU CAN TRUST

Why should the HE sector care about food?



- The food we eat accounts for 30% of the UK's carbon footprint*
- Keep ahead of the policy landscape the government cites the Catering Mark as an effective way to raise food standards in schools and to recognise improvements in hospitals.
- Universities and colleges are in a unique position to provide environmentally friendly food to a receptive audience and reinforce a longer-term change in buying and eating habits.

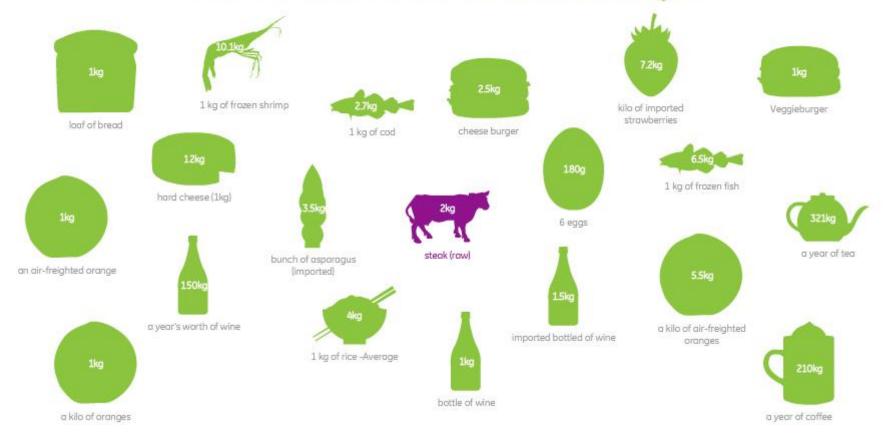




What's next?

Food is higher up on the public procurement agenda because...

How much CO2 is created by...





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Supporting NTU's commitment to sustainability

- NTU sustainable food policy
- Desire to lead the way
- Responsibility to our customers
 - Access to healthy, nutritional, ethically sourced food.
- Food for life catering mark
 - Criteria
- People and Planet green league table

















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The food

- Top billing for vegetarian dishes.
- Increased vegetable content in dishes.
- Protein content in dishes (balanced) meal)

88% freshly prepared meals

Being in control





Chef's Choice

Chickpea, spinach, potato and cauliflower balti served with steamed coriander rice and a poppadum.



Beef, Southwell mushroom and spinach pie served with mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and ale gravy.



Battered fillet of sustainably-sourced Pollock served with chips, mushy peas and fresh tartare sauce.



£3.75

(£3.38 smartcard price)

Any queries relating to food allergies or dietary requirements should be directed to a member of the catering team who will be happy to advise. food Seasonal and local meat, fruit and vegetables are used where possible and





The people

- Working with suppliers
 - Knowledge of our aims
 - Benefits for both parties
- Working with other departments
 - Purchasing, environment, health and wellbeing
- Communication with customers
 - Demonstrations
 - Where does your food come from?
- Educating our team
 - Animal welfare
 - Visiting the supplier











The planet

- Packaging
- Food and plate waste



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