Stirling Food Hub

Where we have come from:

- Local Food Network
- Get Ready for Local Food
- Stirling Food Hub
WHERE WE ARE

Imperatives for action

Each week, the population of Stirling spends around £2,500,000 on household food and drink (excluding alcohol).

But... around 95% of grocery shopping is done in supermarkets, which leaves local producers and processors unsupported.

74% of Scots said that the most convenient food to buy outside of the home is usually the least healthy.

Supermarkets pay producers just 20-50% of the price of products, making it difficult for farmers to make a living.

There is only one fruit and vegetable shop on Stirling’s high streets.

3217 children in Stirling live in poverty after housing costs. That’s nearly the capacity of Forthbank Stadium.

In 2016 StART UP Stirling supported 1,900 people with 103,000 emergency meals.

Meanwhile Stirling households produce approximately 9,900 tonnes of food waste each year. That’s 32 bin lorries.

Less than half of babies in Stirling had been breastfed at all at the 6-8 week review, with only 34% exclusively breastfed.

Only one food business in Stirling is a registered Living Wage Employer.

Less than 1% of Stirling’s arable land is used to grow vegetables.

4,490 residential properties within the Forth Local Plan District were identified as being at risk of flooding.

Agriculture is the major cause of soil compaction; healthy, well-functioning soils are crucial to reducing the risk of floods and maintaining our capacity to grow food into the future.
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What is it delivering:

Prosperity: A thriving local food economy
Social Justice: A fair food system
Health: Promoting physical and mental wellbeing
Environment: Protecting landscapes and wildlife
Knowledge: Resilient and empowered communities
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What will it look like:
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Making it happen:

- Power of partnership
- Location, location, location
- Making it pay
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- 35 local businesses
- 8.5% as a host
- Value to the local economy
- Replicable model
Questions