

Holiday enrichment programmes

The UK wide picture

The recent APPG on Hunger [Hungry Holidays report](#) provides the picture of the current situation for holiday food provision around the UK. Key points made in the report include:

- There is a wide diversity of provision, providers and additional activities
- Holiday food provision is not consistently available across more deprived areas
- Projects do not necessarily publicise the free food element very explicitly or at all
- Projects offer a wide range of food items and source their food through a number of sources
- There is more provision available in the summer holidays, followed by Easter and then Christmas
- Projects can be an opportunity for older children to volunteer and can be effective settings to engage parents

See the attached slide for an illustration of the range of projects around the UK. Other resources include the [Filling the Holiday Gap](#) principles and other resources and Lindsay Graham's recent [blog](#).

School Holiday Enrichment Programme in Wales

Please see the attached slides which set out the progress made in Wales to develop the programme from a relatively small pilot into a three-year programme supported by the Welsh Government.

Workshop discussion

One key recommendation in the APPG's report is a statutory requirement for local authorities to facilitate and co-ordinate the delivery of free meals and fun for children during school holidays, with utmost flexibility granted over the actual delivery methods used.

Workshop attendees discussed the role their respective partnerships and the network as a whole could play in ensuring this requirement is successfully implemented.

What role should your partnership play?

- Map local stakeholders, including those delivering and supporting holiday food provision
- Identify relevant funding streams
- Review any learning from the previous extended schools programme
- Involve the whole community in any initiatives
- Involve parents and offer support to them such as healthy cooking skills, recipe cards
- Set up a working group to deliver on the requirement

What role should the SFC network take on this issue?

- Amplify our voices in support of the Bill
- Ensure that there is an understanding in government that the requirement should be accompanied by sufficient resources

- Collect evidence to support the Bill
- Promote the benefits so that local authorities are bought in
- Highlight good practice
- Support monitoring and quality assurance/ standards