

IFAN Newsletter - January 2017

Welcome to IFAN's first ever member newsletter!

You are one of our 50 Founder members and we look forward to working with you over the next few months ahead of our full launch later in the spring.

We'd love to hear what you're up to and welcome any questions/suggestions you have. Email Seb and Steph anytime [here](#), like us on [Facebook](#), and/or follow us on [Twitter](#).

This month we bring you exciting news about partnerships with like-minded networks in the US and Canada. We're also putting out a plea for help with research and finding a venue for our next event in March.

Oh, and please check out our updated vision, aims, values and principles [here](#).

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This month we like...

[Why this food bank is turning away junk food](#)

[Fun, Food, Folk: The Centrestage approach to dignified food provision](#)

Member case studies

We would like to promote what you do to other members. If you'd like to work with us to create a case study of what you do that we can share across the network, and maybe publicly, please [get in touch](#)

Can you provide a venue?

We're looking for a venue for our next event. If you have space to accommodate up to 60 people for a networking/training event in March please [let us know](#) as soon as possible.

International Partnerships

We are committed to learning from/working with organisations doing great work in other parts of the world and are pleased to announce partnerships with two like-minded North American networks:

Like IFAN, [Closing the Hunger Gap](#) is a new response to the increasing reliance on food aid to feed people in poverty in the US. We are meeting with their leadership team in February to plan how like-minded food aid networks from across the pond can work together. Watch this space!

Secondly, we are really pleased to announce a formal affiliation with [Community Food Centres Canada](#) (CFCC), an organisation that is putting good food at the heart of communities. We are excited to offer IFAN members the opportunity to apply to become one of CFCC's [Good Food Organisations](#) (GFO), gaining access to members only learning tools and resources, monthly online training, and connection to a burgeoning international community of like-minded organisations. In the UK, this opportunity is exclusive to IFAN members.

Any IFAN members willing and able to commit to CFCC's [Good Food Principles](#) and interested in benefiting from support will be able to apply later in the year (Autumn 2017) so look out for further info. In the meantime, explore their public knowledge exchange website, [The Pod](#).

IFAN members needed for research on health implications of hunger

Support academic research on food poverty among low income workers by taking part in a Photovoice research project. Dr Martina Hutton would love to work with independent food aid providers just like you to broaden her research. [Click here](#) for more information.

Member training survey

Look out for our short training survey arriving in your inbox very soon. Your feedback will help us plan how we offer training to our members as effectively as possible.