

IFAN Member Newsletter - May

MEMBER MAP

Our member map is now live and can be viewed [here](#).

We are open for membership so please tell any relevant organisations you know that might be interested in joining.

MEMBERS SHARING RESOURCES

We've created an online resource that will be accessible for members. Our hope is that this will contain lots of helpful materials to make your lives easier. Following this newsletter you will receive an email from our IFAN account letting you know you have access to a shared google drive. More info will be in that email.

If you don't receive a link, or you would like it to be sent to a different email please let us know at ifan.uk@gmail.com

IFAN CONNECT - MAPPING UK FOOD AID

Our volunteer, Sabine, is making great headway with mapping all independent food aid provision in the UK. To begin with she has been focusing on food banks and we hope to be able to promote the findings in the next couple of weeks. Please keep your eyes peeled!

EVENTS

We held 2 events in March, in Southampton and Manchester.

"Thank you so much for an informative session in Southampton recently. We learned so much from the speakers and from the networking. And we look forward to future events, both locally and beyond." (Southampton event attendee)

"Thank you for the training event in Manchester. It was great to take time to talk to other people providing a similar service to us, and share ideas and challenges. We felt really

supported and we go back to our organisation inspired and energised” (Manchester event attendee)

Keep an eye out for more events in the future.

TRAINING SURVEY

We had a great response to our member training survey so a big thank you to all those who completed it. Overwhelmingly you said you wanted support in increasing healthy food provision. We’ll take this on board as our plans progress.

FOOD BANK AS IT IS

We attended this extremely powerful play, written by Tara Osman, coordinator of North Paddington Food Bank, one of our founder members. Our Chair, Prof Jon May and founder, Seb Mayfield, both took part in Q&As at the end of the performances and we look forward to supporting the production and helping it spread across the country.

FUNDING

We submitted four funding bids and unfortunately have received a negative response from 3 of them so far. All the feedback has been the same - they only fund direct impact and not networks. We are continuing to explore funding options but until then, we continue to progress on a shoestring!

And finally... our friend Andy Fisher’s book entitled [Big Hunger: The Unholy Alliance between Corporate America and Anti-Hunger Groups](#) is now available in the UK.