



IFAN Newsletter - May 2018

Welcome to our May update.

We are pleased to welcome our new members to IFAN this month:

[Edible Links](#)

[The Muslim Initiative](#)

[The Marsh Community Centre](#)

[Sustainability Morecambe](#)

[Grace Food Bank Sheffield](#)

[Daventry Food Bank](#)

[Central Southwark Community Hub](#)

To view all the members click [here](#) (web links to each member have now been added), and to join click [here](#).

Save the Date

We will be hosting a day-long conference on **Saturday the 15th September in Chester**, so do save the date. We will be sending out more details very soon! [Nourish Scotland](#) will be running a workshop on [Dignity in Practice](#) and other sessions will focus on the use of referral/voucher systems as well as the definition of a good food project.

Blog

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Food Banks held a session on access to food aid for those with no recourse to public funds on the 1st of May at the Houses of Parliament. Colin Rankine, of IFAN member Active Christians, attended the session and has written a [blog](#) for the IFAN website based on his first-hand experiences in the West Midlands.

We would very much welcome further blogs and contributions of this kind from our members – please write to ifan.uk@gmail.com.

StoryBank

Hearing stories from the front line is essential for the beginnings of a genuine understanding people's experiences of food poverty. Our StoryBank project has now developed into a potential collection of oral testimony which we intend to share as an online resource. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Sabine Goodwin at ifan.connect@gmail.com. You can read more about the StoryBank project [here](#).

Privacy Policy

We've updated our privacy policy in line with the upcoming GDPR changes on May 25th. You can find the policy [here](#).

UK Food and Poverty Conference

Most of IFAN's team attended the first national conference in the UK on food insecurity in April organised by Dr Rachel Loopstra. Professor Jon May, Dr Kayleigh-Garthwaite and Madeleine Power all presented and IFAN's Sabine Goodwin was a member of the conference organising team. Our trustee and CEO of The Hope Centre, Robin Burgess also attended, as well as IFAN volunteers, Ren and Sharon. The event showcased a range of fascinating research from the length and breadth of Britain and gathered together a group of brilliant and informative speakers from both the UK and Canada, including Professor Liz Dowler and Professor Valerie Tarasuk. You can read more about the conference and learn about the Evidence and Network on UK Household Food Insecurity [here](#).