



# 2020 what changed for you and your food?



The Food Equality Project noticed that many more people wanted to prioritise conversations about food: online, in the media and in new groups

we asked: HOW CAN WE SUPPORT MORE PEOPLE

To have a conversation

To BE HEARD

Can talking, sharing experiences and knowledge help identify actions to support our local food system?

Cooking a lot more fresh veg own produce and foraged food!

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Plymouth Food Equality Project
What have you been foraging?

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I have done a bit more home cooking, I ve also ince every week or two (my husband normally does all the cooking). I ve also involving the children, especially when it comes to the decorating!

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Thank you for your comments!
There are definitely some upsides to being at home more to cook and cooking with the children. I have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children. I have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children. I have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children. I have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children. I have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children. I have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children. I have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children. I have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children in have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children in have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children in have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children in have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children in have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children in have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children in have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children in have been buying and meal planning a large replacement of the cooking with the children in have been buying and meal planning a large r

**Food Talks People's Assembly** aimed to find out. We created a **survey online and offline.** We asked about the **changes** that people had experienced. We ran face to face and online **focus groups** and a **Virtual Assembly on 11th May.** 

## **FOOD Talks snapshot survey findings**

respondents said they were female **79.9%** male **20.1%** 

drop in income reported by 34.9%

# mental health and wellbeing

12% reported positive changes20% reported no change68% reported negative changes

#### 39% had caring responsibilities

⅓ of these respondents were homeschooling <u>and</u> caring for **someone who was shielding** 

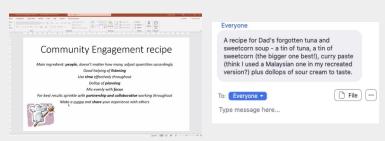
### How you have accessed food

Growing **40.9%** Free school meals **22.7%**Supermarket delivery **65%** Veg Box delivery **39%** Community networks **26.3%** 

Thank you to everyone who took part and shared their experiences!

affording nice food... distribution of surplus foodstuff.. more fresh items ...meaningful within my community ....within walking reach ... not knowing when I ar able ...without income for almost a year... family's future ...I have learned ... tried to grow, have more time ...I will forever grateful ...organic food ... costs have risen gone up loads ... think carefully about what we are eating... less food for .... switching to a veg box ...better quality local .... cooking swop/barter community hub ...embarrassing ... quality of soil ...shopping cooking delivering selling ... having their names called out ...follow examples ...50 years of organising meals! our household champion ... decent wage ... my children will definitely have a meal that day ... accessible fruit and veg For the Virtual Assembly we were joined on zoom by experts, experts by experience and creative practitioners to talk about food support, wellbeing and food, sustainability and the future. We shared tips about cooking, growing, budgeting and memories of food.

Well Connected's recipe for Community Engagement shared by Kelley created by Wendy Smith



"We thought about recipes for togetherness, community engagement and recipes for how to make a group of strangers feel cosy. And Sloe Gin and Mulled Wine."

Feast of Fun Roast dinner on a Monday - parents eating together The Plymouth Fairness Commission Final Report

"How can we bottle up the Feast, the Funand support people through Covid?"

Bootneck = ex Marine

Bake and Banter veterans baking together online "... group identity and shared experiences are really important and having something else to talk about."

- Fish can bite, even after they're dead!
- Knives should be respected brother (master butcher) who nearly died after an accident with a knife
- Cooking and baking help my mental welfare
   "I'm a rubbish cook"... "no you're not, just an inexperienced one"

Things you can make with foraged plants:nettle soup (full of iron) Wild Garlic pesto, Hawthorn Ketchup, Seaweed Stock Cubes

If 10 people grow two packets of seeds well and then exchange we all get 20 types of veg, less work and stronger plants. 30-40 years ago there were no garden centres, people grew and shared within their community

"I don't know what to do with slugs!"

"Lockdown really challenged my food shopping."

Main Session

The Bootneck Baker

Broadcast Message to All

Food is Fun







We talked about food support, mental health, affordability, sustainability and the future of food. You can still contribute an idea, image or comment please scan HERE. We'd love to hear from you and we will add this to the Food Plymouth website.



