ShefFood's LOCAL FOOD ACTION PLAN FOR SHEFFIELD: 2025 UPDATE

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Introduction

Over the past year, enormous progress has been made towards the delivery of the Local Food Action Plan for Sheffield. When we launched the plan in July 2023, we referred to it as a `living document'. Our hope was that the plan would continue to grow and develop as new activities, organisations, and collaborations emerged across the city.

The plan set out 73 actions that together would meaningfully contribute to achieving the aim of healthy and delicious food for all. The actions were grouped into five strategies:

1. **Strengthen food networks by developing skills and learning together**
2. **Build collective capacity to share and use data on Sheffield's food system**
3. **Participate in making and delivering ambitious local food policy**
4. **Build an inclusive food movement**
5. **Leverage spaces for food initiatives**

Last year, ShefFood has continued to collaborate with the FixOurFood research programme to build relationships and identify common goals with organisations delivering vital work towards community food provision, healthcare services, and social support services, amongst many other areas. It has been a privilege to connect with and learn from individuals and organisations across the city.

This update is intended to accompany the 2023 Local Food Action Plan for Sheffield. For a full description of the plan, existing actions and commitments, and to get involved in the working groups, please visit Sheffood.org.uk. In this update, we summarise new organisational commitments made to existing actions as well as eight new actions, bringing the total number of actions to 81. In accordance with the 2023 plan, we associate each of these actions with one of the five strategies, with specific organisations that have committed towards their delivery, and to one or more working groups.

We are grateful to every individual and organisation that has contributed their time and knowledge to the development of these actions. We look forward to continuing to work with you to build a fairer and more sustainable food system for Sheffield.

Existing actions with new organisational commitments

Strategy	Aim	Action	Organisations Involved	Working Group
Strategy 1: Strengthen food networks by developing skills and learning together **Action #11**	**Enhance food growing education for children, young people and adults in Sheffield and facilitate participation in food growing activities, both at home and in community and educational settings.**	Continue to provide opportunities for young people and adults to participate in food growing in growing projects and sites across the city.	**The Hadfield Institute, Aspiring Communities Together (ACT), United Womens Affiliation, Sheffield African Caribbean Mental Health Association (SACHMA)**, *Eat Smart Sheffield (Learn Sheffield), Friends of Firth Park Community Allotments, Friends of Gleadless Valley Methodist Church Community Gardens, Green City Action, Green Estate, Heeley and District Allotments Protection Society, Heeley City Farm, Kids Plant Trees, MyHarvest (University of Sheffield), Percy Street Community Interest Company, Regather, The University of Sheffield Allotment Society,*	Growing and Composting Food, Health and Obesity Board
Strategy 1: Strengthen food networks by developing skills and learning together **Action #15**	**Build knowledge of local services to support individuals in relation to nutrition and wellbeing amongst frontline staff in health, social care and voluntary sectors.**	Continue to develop resources and deliver training for staff in frontline services to ensure that they are confident in having supportive and compassionate conversations about nutrition, healthy eating and wellbeing in a respectful and understanding way that guides people towards appropriate support where needed.	**ISRAAC Somali Community Association, ACT, The Hadfield Institute, SADACCA, SACHMA**, *Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, South Yorkshire Eating Disorders Association, Zest*	Food, Health and Obesity Board Community Food Provision
Strategy 2: Build collective capacity to share and use data on Sheffield's food system **Action #25**	**Build knowledge of local healthy eating and weight services and organisations amongst NHS and social care frontline staff.**	Gather and share information about local healthy eating and weight services amongst NHS and social care frontline staff.	**ISRAAC, ACT, The Hadfield Institute, SADACCA, SACHMA**, *Sheffield City Council, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, Zest*	Food Health and Obesity Board
Strategy 5: Leverage spaces for food initiatives **Action #70**	**Support and promote food businesses across Sheffield's high streets.**	Signpost with Business Sheffield (Sheffield City Council) to support potential food businesses in the city to start up and expand.	**ISRAAC, ACT, The Hadfield Institute, SADACCA, SACHMA**, *Business Sheffield, ShefFood*	Good Food Economy and Procurement

New actions

Strategy	Aim	Action	Organisations Involved	Working Group
Strategy 1: Strengthen food networks by developing skills and learning together **Action #74**	**Build knowledge of local services amongst frontline staff in health, social care and voluntary sectors that can support individuals in relation to nutrition, cultural inclusion and wellbeing.**	Develop educational programmes and materials that celebrate the delicious and nutritious food heritage of underrepresented communities, fostering understanding and appreciation among the wider population.	ShefFood, ISRAAC, ACT, Hadfield, SADACCA, SACHMA, VAS, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, Zest	Food, Health and Obesity Board
Strategy 1: Strengthen food networks by developing skills and learning together **Action #75**	**Build knowledge of local healthy eating and weight services and organisations amongst NHS and social care frontline staff.**	Disseminate and share information about local healthy eating, weight and diabetes management, care and prevention services produced by organisations working with underrepresented communities, which aim to tackle social inequalities in food access.	Firvale Hub, ISRAAC, VAS, Sheffield City Council, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, Zest	Food, Health and Obesity Board
Strategy 3: Participate in making and delivering ambitious local food policy **Action #76**	**Support the delivery of existing food policy commitments around communal food sourcing.**	Continue to deliver communal food sourcing projects which address the barriers to accessing fresh and culturally appropriate food for underrepresented residents; ensuring affordability and availability in local markets and grocery stores.	ACT, The Hadfield Institute, Food Works, S6 Food Bank, Sheffield City Council, ShefFood	Community Food Provision
Strategy 3: Participate in making and delivering ambitious local food policy **Action #77**	**Enhance participation in local food research via The University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University.**	Ensure that organisations that represent underrepresented groups are included within food-related research in Sheffield. Recognise systemic racial and cultural barriers to food access in research initiatives.	The Hadfield Institute, ACT, ISRAAC, SADACCA, Fir Vale Community Hub, Sheffield Hallam University, South Yorkshire Sustainability Centre, The University of Sheffield	Good Food Movement

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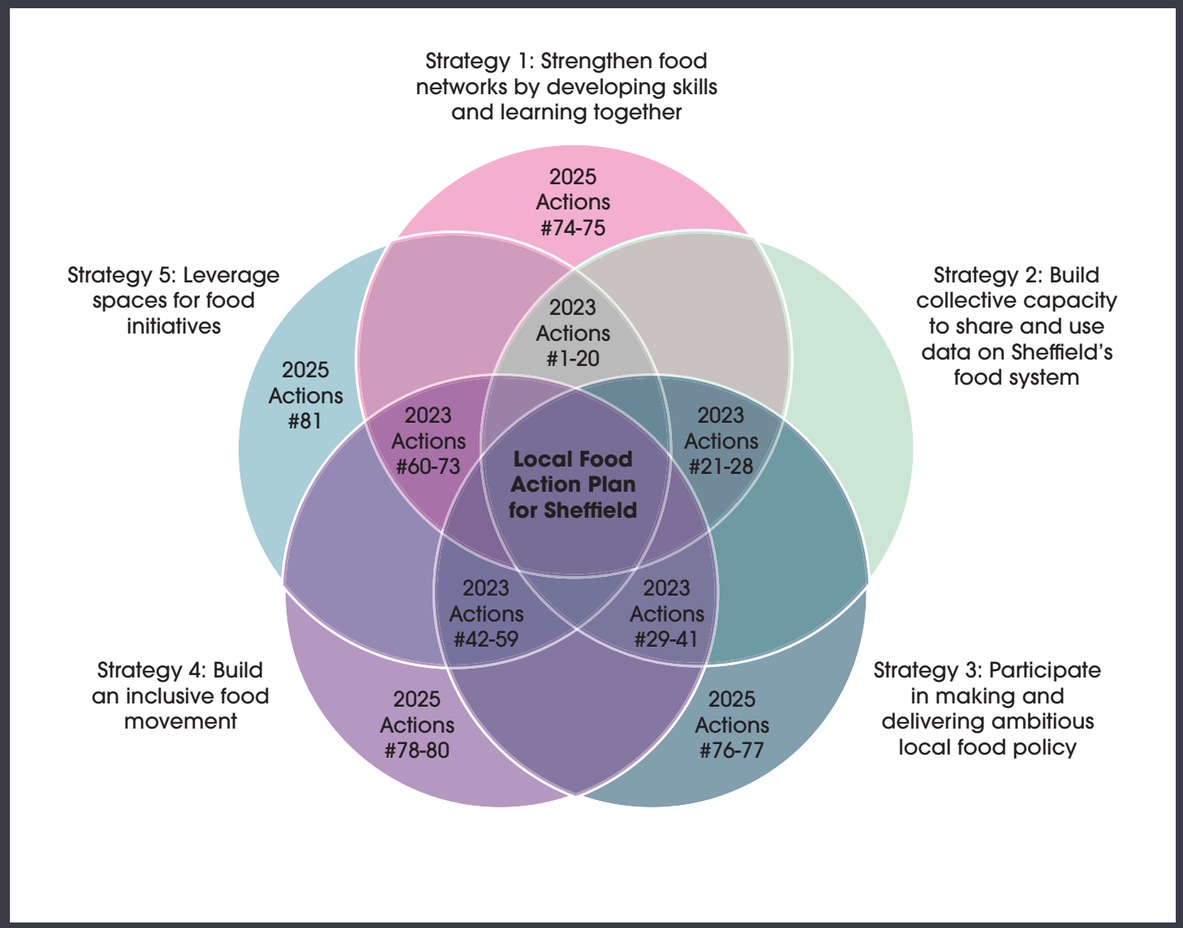
Strategy 4: Build an inclusive food movement **Action #78**	**Provide direct financial support for community food provision.**	Continue to deliver community food provision for underrepresented groups that maintain traditional and cultural practices of food and growing	The Hadfield Institute, ACT, ISRAAC, SADACCA, Fir Vale Community Hub Fareshare Yorkshire, Sheffield City Council, Sheffield S6 Foodbank	Community Food Provision
Strategy 4: Build an inclusive food movement **Action #79**	**Proactively expand the Good Food Movement to include underrepresented communities and areas of the city.**	Include diverse food cultures within Sheffield's underrepresented communities as part of the Good Food Movement, aiming to preserve and promote their cultural traditions.	ShefFood, ACT, ISRAAC, SADACCA, SACHMA, The Hadfield Institute, United Womens Affiliation, Sheffield City Council	Good Food Movement
Strategy 4: Build an inclusive food movement **Action #80**	**Create spaces for conversations about systemic barriers to accessing food.**	Use multiple platforms within the ShefFood Good Food Movement to discuss how tradition and culture both strengthen communities, while also addressing inequalities experienced.	ShefFood, ACT, ISRAAC, SADACCA, SACHMA, The Hadfield Institute, United Womens Affiliation, Sheffield City Council	Good Food Movement
Strategy 5: Leverage spaces for food initiatives **Action #81**	**Celebrate and support cultural diversity within Sheffield's food businesses.**	Establish support networks and resources specifically tailored to the needs of underrepresented food entrepreneurs, such as access to 1-2-1 advice, explore finance routes and assistance with navigating regulatory requirements for food businesses.	Business Sheffield, ISRAAC, ACT, Hadfield, SADACCA, SACHMA	Good Food Economy and Procurement

How the new actions from 2024 are expanding the 2023 Local Food Action Plan for Sheffield



Expanding circles of action in Sheffield's food system. For a detailed list of actions #1-73 please see the Local Food Action Plan for Sheffield, available at sheffood.org.uk.

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To view the Local Food Action Plan for Sheffield (2023) please visit:

https://sheffood.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/sheffield-local-food-action-plan-2023-links.pdf

To get involved in ShefFood's Working Groups please visit:

https://sheffood.org.uk/

To learn more about FixOurFood please visit:

https://fixourfood.org/

Please note that the working group 'Community Food Provision' was previously called 'Food Ladders' and is referred to as such in the 2023 Local Food Action Plan for Sheffield.

ShefFood is the local food partnership for Sheffield. It is a cross-sector partnership of organisations across the city formed of local public agencies, businesses, individuals, academic and community organisations committed to working together to create a more sustainable food system for Sheffield. ShefFood is part of Sustainable Food Places. For more information, please visit: www.sheffood.org.uk/

FixOurFood is a research and action programme, led by the University of York and funded by the Transforming UK Food Systems Strategic Priorities Fund. FixOurFood aims to understand and build pathways to a more regenerative food system in the Yorkshire and Humber region.
For more information, please visit: fixourfood.org.

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