



Food Issues Census Survey

Complete list of questions and multiple choice answers

This document contains the complete list of questions and multiple-choice answers for the Food Issues Census survey. You can use the links below to navigate through the document.

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Intro

Hello, welcome to the Food Issues Census Survey!

What is the Food Issues Census Survey?

The Food Issues Census is a project to understand the organisations and communities working in and organising around key food-related issues across the UK. We want to know what you're working on, what issues you feel are most important, how you're funded, and what you need in order to meet the challenges of today.

Crucially, this is an opportunity for you to share your priorities with funders.

By gathering and analysing responses, we aim to:

- Create a shared picture of the sector.
- Provide actionable insights to funders and organisations.
- Highlight the work and impact of diverse civil society organisations in food and farming.

The insights that we gather will be available as both **raw data** and a **detailed report**. This will not only be used by funders, but will be useful to participating organisations - to support your decision-making, advocacy, partnerships and funding proposals.

By mapping out the different projects, niches, needs and resources across the four UK nations, we hope to provide fertile ground for connections and collaborations where these don't yet exist.

This third Food Issues Census builds off the back of previous censuses conducted in 2011 and 2017.

Is this survey for you?

If your organisation is involved in any not-for-profit or public interest work related to food – whether that's local food-growing, addressing hunger, or anything in between – we'd love for you to participate. The survey is open to organisations based in the UK or those receiving UK charitable funding. If you're unsure, please check our [FAQs](#).

Note:

- This survey is for organisations or one-off initiatives, not individual projects within larger organisations.
- Only one response per organisation is needed, so please discuss internally who is best placed to complete it.

How long will it take?

The survey will take 30 to 60 minutes to complete. You'll need access to:

- Your most recent annual or financial accounts
- Information about your organisation's staff and food-related activities

You can start the survey now and finish it later by clicking 'Save' at the bottom of any page.

If you find it helpful to also view the full set of questions and multiple choice answers, you can do so [here](#).

We are committed to bringing in the experiences of a genuinely diverse range of organisations to this project. To address barriers to participation, we have established the Food Issues Census Inclusion Fund. Please read more about the fund and how you can apply [here](#).

You can also find the full set of frequently asked questions [here](#).

Thank you again for your valuable contribution!

Section one: You and your organisation

1. You and your organisation

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Name of organisation, group or initiative ((Please specify if applicable and type in N/A if not)): _____

Organisation website (Please specify if applicable and type in N/A if not):

Your role (or job title) (Please specify if applicable and type in N/A if not):

Your email address: _____

2. Type of organisation: Please choose the option(s) that best fits your organisation.

- Alliance or network
- Registered charity
- Social enterprise or not-for-profit business
- Co-operative or mutual
- Community interest company
- Company limited by guarantee
- Unincorporated (e.g. a club or one-off project)
- Trade union
- Trade association or professional body
- Political party or faith group
- Education or research (e.g. a school or university)
- Public sector (including non-departmental public body)
- Other (please specify) _____

3. Geography: What country/region does your work focus on?

- UK Wide
- England
 - North East
 - North West
 - Yorkshire and the Humber
 - East Midlands
 - West Midlands
 - East of England
 - London
 - South East
 - South West

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Wales
- Other (Please specify)_____

Section two: The work you do

The next question focuses on the work your organisation does.

We've organised these into themes and subthemes. After selecting your main themes, related sub theme questions will appear below for you to choose from.

If you prefer to view the full list of themes and subthemes before making your selections, please [click here](#).

4. Which of the following food and farming issues does your organisation address? (Please select all that apply focusing on areas where you dedicate at least 5% of staff or volunteer hours)

- Environmental Sustainability and Climate Resilience
 - Soil health
 - Biodiversity conservation and habitat protection
 - Water resource management
 - Air pollution
 - Land-use planning
 - Climate change mitigation
 - Climate change adaptation
 - Agricultural biodiversity
 - Rewilding
 - Other (Please specify)_____
- Sustainable Farming and Production Practices
 - Organic farming
 - Regenerative farming
 - Agroecological farming
 - Permaculture
 - Horticulture and market gardening
 - Urban agriculture
 - Reducing pesticide use
 - Fertiliser management
 - Seed saving and seed sovereignty
 - Animal husbandry
 - Animal welfare
 - Food standards
 - Other (Please specify)_____
- Waste, Resource Management and Sustainability
 - Food waste and food loss
 - Packaging
 - Recycling, composting or reuse

- Redistribution of surplus food
- Other (Please specify)_____
- Fishing and Aquaculture
 - Sustainable fishing practices
 - Marine biodiversity and ecosystem protection
 - Aquaculture and fish farming innovations
 - Fish and shellfish welfare
 - Other (Please specify)_____
- Household Food Security, Growing and Community Food
 - Addressing poverty and household food insecurity
 - Ensuring equitable access to nutritious food
 - Community food provision
 - Emergency food relief
 - Developing local food systems
 - Improving access to land for growing food
 - Community right to grow
 - Other (Please specify)_____
- Fair and Resilient Economies
 - Supporting small-scale farmers and producers
 - Ensuring fair prices for food
 - Promoting fair wages and labour rights
 - Addressing seasonal worker and labour challenges
 - Supporting new entrants into farming
 - Strengthening rural economies
 - Advocating for local, sustainable food in public procurement
 - Other (Please specify)_____
- Systems Change, Power, and Justice
 - Food sovereignty
 - Fairness in supply chains
 - Corporate accountability
 - Food justice
 - Land justice
 - Citizen engagement
 - Inclusive decision making
 - Co-design
 - Systems-wide approaches
 - Other (Please specify)_____
- Social Justice and Equity
 - Gender equity
 - Racial justice, equity and inclusion
 - Decolonising the food system
 - Reparations

- Social inclusion
- Disability justice
- Workers' rights
- Right to food
- Other (Please specify)_____
- Health and Nutrition
 - Promoting dietary change
 - Addressing diet-related health conditions (e.g., obesity, diabetes)
 - Food education in schools and communities
 - Infant and child health & nutrition
 - Adult health & nutrition
 - Connecting planetary and human health
 - Health justice
 - Decolonising public health
 - Food safety
 - Other (Please specify)_____
- Connecting People and Land
 - Providing opportunities for people to reconnect with land
 - Teaching and sharing land-based skills
 - Linking food growing to personal and community wellbeing
 - Eco-spirituality
 - Learning from Indigenous wisdom
 - Other (Please specify)_____
- Technological and Scientific Innovation
 - Researching sustainable agricultural technologies
 - Exploring alternative proteins (e.g., plant-based, lab-grown meat)
 - Developing digital tools for farm management and traceability
 - Novel research collaborations
 - Technology watch-dog
 - Governance of technology
 - Other (Please specify)_____
- Food Advertising, Marketing, and Claims
 - Regulating food advertising, especially to children
 - Truthfulness and transparency in food claims (e.g., "organic," "natural," "sustainable")
 - Ethical food marketing practices
 - Other (Please specify)_____
- Other (please specify)_____

**5. Which of the following best describe your approach to creating change?
Please select only those areas where you dedicate a significant amount of
your time (5% or more of your staff or volunteer hours).**

- Policy work and advocacy:** influencing laws, rules, or decisions to make things better for people or communities. E.g. Lobbying for free school meals.
- Service delivery:** providing services or support directly to people. E.g. Running a food bank.
- Capacity building and education:** helping people learn skills or gain knowledge. E.g. Hosting workshops for fishing communities on how to use eco-friendly fishing methods
- Social enterprise and market-based solutions:** a not-for-profit business focused on a social mission. E.g. Creating a cooperative for small-scale farmers to sell their produce directly to consumers at fair prices.
- Research and data collection:** collecting and analysing information to understand problems and find solutions. E.g. Surveying farmers to understand barriers they are facing to more sustainable farming.
- Community mobilisation:** bringing people together to take action on an issue they care about. E.g. Organising a neighborhood clean-up to prepare for a community garden project.
- Awareness-raising:** sharing information to help people understand and care about an issue. E.g. Running a social media campaign to highlight the impact of food waste.
- Systems change:** shifting the structures, rules, and relationships within a system to create long-term and sustainable solutions
- Innovation and experimentation:** testing new ideas or approaches to solve a problem. E.g. Piloting a mobile fruit and vegetable van to bring fresh produce to underserved areas.
- Other (please specify) _____

6. Where does your organisation's work fall on the spectrum from addressing root causes to alleviating symptoms of the issues you work on? (If you take a mixed approach, please select all that apply)

- Root Causes:** Addressing systemic or underlying issues
- Contributing Factors & Triggers:** Addressing conditions and events that worsen the problem.
- Symptoms:** Directly alleviating the impacts of the problem.
- I am unsure / we don't think of our work in this way
- Other (please specify) _____

7. Does your work focus on/serve any of the following groups? Please choose all relevant options.

- No, my work does not prioritise any of particular groups
- Children and/or young people
- People experiencing homelessness
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- People with disabilities
- Older adults (60+)
- LGBTQ+ communities
- Particular racial and/or ethnic communities
- Communities experiencing financial hardship
- Other (please specify) _____

Section three: People and Resources

8. Please tell us about your income, staff and volunteers below:

Please provide information about your organisation's income, staff, and volunteers in the table below.

This will help us understand the resources currently dedicated to food and farming activities compared to your organisation's broader focus.

- If your organisation works solely on food and farming, the figures in the 'Total' column and the 'Food and Farming' column will be the same.
- If food and farming is only part of your work, please estimate the proportion dedicated to food and farming. For example, if your total income is £100,000, and 10% of your work relates to food and farming, enter £100,000 under 'Total' and £10,000 under 'Food and Farming.'

Metric	Total	Total on food and farming
Annual Income (Please use the total from the latest full year for which you have accurate figures (in GBP), whether from your last annual report or from more recent management accounts.)		
Staff (Please provide the total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) paid staff. Count each full-time staff member as 1 FTE. For part-time staff, count each day worked per week as 0.2 FTE. For example if you have 4 full-time staff and 1 part-time staff member working 2.5 days per week your total would be 4.5 FTE.		

<p>Volunteers (By volunteers, we mean people who work for you without being paid, including trustees). Count each full-time volunteer as 1 FTE. For part-time volunteers, count each day volunteered per week as 0.2 FTE.</p>		
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9. Where did the income for your work on food and farming issues come from last year? Please tick all that apply and add the amount where relevant.

	Yes/No	Amount (£)
Government funding (e.g., local, regional, or national grants)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Charitable trusts and foundations	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Donations (e.g., individuals or philanthropists)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Corporate sponsorship or partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Income from products or services (e.g., consulting, events, sales)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Membership fees or subscriptions	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Crowdfunding or online fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Research grants or academic funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lottery funding (e.g., National Lottery)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
European Union or international funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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If you chose 'other' in the previous question, please add details on income amount and source:

10. Within your organisation's main area of work on food and farming, which single issue or activity would benefit the most from additional funding? (Please be as specific as possible, e.g., "Expanding local food-growing programmes" or "Advocacy for sustainable farming policies.")

11. We'd like to understand how funders, alliances, and researchers can better support and strengthen the food and farming sector. Please share your thoughts on the most important forms of support, specific challenges, or opportunities they should address in the areas below:

How funders can better support the food and farming sector:

How alliances can better support the food and farming sector:

How researchers can better support the food and farming sector:

Section Four: Your connections

12. With which other organisations does your organisation currently work on food and farming issues? Please list up to 10 organisations your organisation currently works with on food and farming issues. For each organisation, select the option that best describes the nature of the relationship.

Name of organisation <i>(Space for up to 10 entries)</i>	Nature of relationship <i>(dropdown list)</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooperation: We share information with each other and work with each other informally. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination: We align our work with each other and work towards greater outcomes together. <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration: We have shared decision makers and resources, and/or fully integrated programmes.

13. Which networks, alliances, or movements is your organisation part of? We've listed some options below, but please feel free to add any others that apply.

- Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming
- Sustainable Food Places Network
- Eating Better
- Alliance to Save our Antibiotics
- Plant-Based Food Alliance UK
- The Landworkers' Alliance
- The People's Food and Farming Alliance (PFFA)
- The Food Sovereignty movement
- The Slow Food movement
- The Plenty to Share movement
- Add Option _____

14. What relationships with other organisations are you looking to form to strengthen or amplify the impact of your work in food and farming?

Relationships you are looking to form	How these might strengthen your work or
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	amplify your impact

15. What do you see as the key barriers and enablers to effective collaboration within the food and farming sector?

Barriers to Collaboration (What makes collaboration difficult?)_____

Enablers of Collaboration (What helps collaboration succeed?)_____

Examples from Your Experience (Optional)_____

Section Five: Inspiring successes and the future

16. Which of these are the biggest challenges facing the food and farming sector in the UK in the next 3-5 years?

- Funding and financial sustainability
 - Limited or unpredictable funding streams
 - High dependency on grants or specific donors
 - Other (please specify) _____
- Workforce challenges
 - Skills shortages or lack of trained personnel
 - High staff turnover or burnout
 - Recruitment and retention difficulties
 - Other (please specify) _____
- Policy and regulation
 - Navigating complex or changing regulations
 - Lack of supportive policies or overarching strategy for the sector's goals
 - Other (please specify) _____
- Collaboration and networking
 - Limited cross-sector collaboration or siloed working
 - Lack of coordination among stakeholders
 - Other (please specify) _____
- Technological change and innovation
 - Lack of access to or training in new technologies
 - Difficulty in adopting innovations due to cost or complexity
 - Other (please specify) _____
- Environmental challenges
 - Climate change impacts
 - Resource scarcity or degradation
 - Sustainability regulation
 - Other (please specify) _____
- Social and equity Issues
 - Inequities in access or outcomes for marginalised groups
 - Underrepresentation and racism within public and third sector
 - Dominance of white/Western/colonial 'ways of knowing'
 - Access to land
 - Other (please specify) _____
- Data, measurement and evaluation
 - Lack of data to demonstrate impact or inform decisions
 - Challenges in measuring success or outcomes
 - Other (please specify) _____
- Other, please specify

17. Case study nomination: We are looking to highlight inspiring success stories from the food and farming sector in the UK as part of the Food Issues Census report.

What work from the sector inspires you, or are you most proud of?

We are particularly looking for examples that demonstrate work on:

- Innovation
- Agroecology
- Collaboration
- Intersectionality
- Anti-racism and racial justice
- Effective use of core funding

You may share details of your own work or nominate another organisation or project. By providing the contact information below, you consent to us reaching out for purposes related to the Food Issues Census.

Project Name: _____

Organisation Name: _____

Contact person name (if different from you) : _____

Contact person email (if different from you): _____

Short description of the work (100 word maximum): _____