

BOND REPOSITORY OF COLLECTIVE ACTION

UK: Bristol City Food Network

The aim of the BOND Repository is to share real-life solutions of farmers' and land managers' capacity to develop collective activities and participate in networks involving a wide range of actors. The Repository contains 20 in-depth case studies emerging from the BOND Project, and in addition provides a store-and-share for other initiatives and projects to upload their success stories on an on-going basis.

The Repository is based on EU 'Practice Abstracts' that provide a common format to characterise a project. This makes it possible for readers to contact the project partners and enables the dissemination of project results.

The language is English apart from the project title and abstract.

This Table aims to provide basic information about the organisation or initiative as a whole.

Title (in native language)	Bristol City Food Network
Title (in English)	
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Partners' names and contact details	
Start date	1996
Main sectors/focus	Supports, informs and connects individuals, community projects, organisations and businesses who share a vision to transform Bristol into a sustainable food city
Type of organisation (eg coop, network)	Network
Number of members	
Type of members	Producers, consumers
Operating level (local, regional, national etc)	Local – Bristol, regional
Funding sources	Various – project grants, local government
Total budget	Variable – low at present
Objectives of the initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To promote and encourage people to cook from scratch, grow their own and eat more fresh, seasonal, local, organically grown food. •To champion the use of local, independent food shops and traders to help keep Bristol's high street vibrant and diverse.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To promote and encourage the use of good quality land in and around Bristol for food production. •To promote and encourage the redistribution, recycling and composting of food waste. •To advance education about the part that food, nutrition and lifestyle can play in meeting the needs of disadvantaged individuals, families and groups in the community and encourage social inclusion and social cohesion. •To promote community-led food trade such as co-operatives, buying groups, Community Supported Agriculture and pop-up shops. •To build the Bristol Food Network expertise in food and sustainability that allows access to and creates opportunities for local people within Bristol.
Description of main activities	<p>Commenced with a Local Food Links project in 1996, a farmers market in 1997. Subsequent projects and reports include Sustainable Food Strategy, Who Feeds Bristol?, Good Food Charter, Good Food Plan, annual Get Growing trail (with 35 members taking part), monthly online newsletter - round-up of news from around the web; useful resources; funding updates; actions to take and interesting publications to read.</p>
Website	http://www.bristolfoodnetwork.org/
Links to other websites if appropriate	
Tick if audiovisual material provided	
Tick if project documents provided	

PRACTICE ABSTRACT 1

This summary should be as interesting as possible for farmers and other practitioners, using easy understandable language.

(Please repeat this template for each project or subproject that you would like to record)

Short title in English	Bristol City Food Network
<p>Short summary for practitioners in English on the (final or expected) outcomes (1000-1500 characters, word count – no spaces). This summary should at least contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Main results/outcomes of the activity (expected or final) Include successes such as impact (on policy/productivity/land management etc), effectiveness (have objectives been achieved?), sustainability (economic and environmental), and transferability (can it be adapted and adopted elsewhere?) – The main practical recommendation(s): including both entrepreneurial elements related to cost, productivity etc as well as how any challenges have been overcome. 	<p>This network supports, informs and connects individuals, community projects, organisations and businesses who share a vision to transform Bristol into a sustainable food city. In 2015 Bristol was the Green Capital of Europe, and more money was available to support local food initiatives, and they won Silver prize at the Sustainable Food City Awards that year. At other times it has been more of a challenge to find the funds to put the projects' recommendations into action. Other achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The 'Who Feeds Bristol' report was very influential; it highlighted the value of revitalising our food system, and helped many people realize that food is a local issue. •Three strong and interconnected 'entities' have nurtured the Good Food work; Bristol Food Network, Bristol Food Policy Council, and Bristol Green Capital Partnership, supporting and connecting many projects, hosting gatherings, co-creating plans and publicity, and together pushing for policy change. •The Healthy Schools Programme is putting food into all curriculum areas and teaming up with the Soil Association, the BBC, and Incredible Edible. The work in schools reaches all cultures and all parts of the city. •With over 800 members in Bristol's Green Capital Partnership, and a local award scheme for Workplace Wellbeing, businesses are procuring local, organically grown, and fairly traded food. Cafes and restaurants are advertising their local suppliers, and the local currency the Bristol Pound is accepted by 265 local food businesses.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bristol is the first Local Authority (since the Second World War) to introduce household food waste collections and the first city outside London to hold a Feeding the 5000 event. •A Public Sector Procurement Group involving 14 different organisations in the West of England has led to sharing of good practice and is achieving major shifts in how contracts are managed in universities, colleges, schools, childrens’ nurseries, council-run cafes, and care homes. •The first Love Food Festival was held in 2008 at Bristol’s ‘Paintworks’; these family-friendly and celebratory events now happen several times each year attracting hundreds of visitors. Street markets have gone from a rarity, to being widespread, even including night markets with live music. Since 2014 Bristol has run a ‘Food Connections Festival’. In 2014 and 2015 this engaged over 265,000 people at over 300 events.
<p>Short title in <u>native language</u></p>	
<p>Short summary for practitioners in <u>native language</u> <i>(can be the language of the coordinator / one of the partners)</i></p>	