



# Supporting your organisation with good food from FareShare

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From marvellous meat and dairy to flavoursome fruit and veg, the food we save is good quality, in-date and could help you provide a healthy varied menu for the people you support.



# What we do

FareShare is the UK's largest charity fighting hunger and food waste. We redistribute good food that would otherwise go to waste to frontline charities and community groups supporting vulnerable people.



# Good food for your service users

FareShare works with national, regional and local food growers, manufacturers and retailers, accessing quality surplus food for redistribution.

Food becomes surplus for a myriad of reasons from packaging errors to short date coding or cosmetic imperfections. But all the food we provide is **within its use-by or best before date** and we follow stringent policies and procedures for storage and transportation to meet all **food safety legislation**.

The types of food received by our members can vary from week to week. We appreciate that this can be a challenge, inherent with working with surplus, but it can also be a bonus, sometimes offering unexpected treats as well as good old staples.

In becoming a FareShare Community Food Member you are joining a network of organisations across the UK committed to making best use of a wonderful array of food and drink to feed the vulnerable in our communities. By working together we can ensure no good food goes to waste.



# Benefits to your organisation

There are many benefits of becoming a FareShare member including:

- Access to a wide range of quality food.
- Reduction in your food spending. For a small fee, our members have access to several thousands of pounds worth of food.
- Increased ability to support people beyond the provision of food, as outlined below.

Independent research carried-out by social-research institute NatCen shows the impact of the FareShare food provision.

What the FareShare members have told us:

55%



say FareShare has allowed them to provide food to more service users

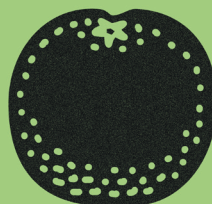
93%



say the quality of food they are providing has increased

77%

say the food has improved the diet of their service users



75%



say that the provision of food has helped their organisation better engage with their service users

What the people who use the services have told us:

53%

said their physical strength had improved with 52% reporting an improvement in energy levels



93%



say having a meal help them face the day ahead

75%

of service users believe that they had saved money as a result of getting food at the charity



71%



stated that this helped them to pay rent and bills

# How does it work?

If your organisation or project supports vulnerable people in your community and you are either a charity, a not-for-profit organisation, a community group or a social enterprise providing a meal or food parcel service in addition to other life changing support, please get in touch with us.

In order to become a FareShare member, we ask you to complete an application form following which we will visit your project to discuss food hygiene and safety processes as well as your food requirements. It's not a complicated process and our team can provide advice and help on food safety.

To start the process, [register your interest now](#) and select FareShare Northern Ireland as your nearest Regional Centre.

Once you've signed up to become a FareShare member, here's what you can expect every week.

1



Based on your food profile and what we have in the warehouse, we will email you the list of products allocated to you.

2



You receive the food as agreed. Either we will organise a delivery to your premises or you have the option to collect it yourself from our warehouse.

3



When collecting chilled food you will need to use chill boxes to transport the food to your own kitchens, keeping the food, you and your beneficiaries safe from FareShare to plate.

4



You turn the food into nutritious meals or food parcels for vulnerable people in your community.

[Register your interest](#)



# Join our Network

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Still not sure? Read what some of our members are saying:



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We have found receiving food from FareShare Northern Ireland a great benefit to us as an organisation because we can provide a range of healthy and varied food.

We are able to donate food packs to participants who struggle financially and help provide them with free breakfast or lunch options when they are using our services.

Julie,  
Orchardville

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FareShare food makes a huge difference to our organisation as we operate our projects tackling food poverty within the community in a way that seeks to restore hope and dignity to our clients through hospitality, provision and skills development.”

Melanie,  
Vineyard Compassion Social Supermarket

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FareShare means we get a greater variety of food. We take everything from tins to fresh meat as our families need everything. I don't know what we'd do without FareShare. We might have to shut for a particular day. I don't know what people would eat if we weren't able to give them the food from FareShare.”

Christine,  
Volunteer at Ivy Street Community Centre



# Get in Touch



If you are interested in receiving good food, please contact the Northern Ireland Development Manager.

**Email:** [Meabh.Austin@fareshareni.org.uk](mailto:Meabh.Austin@fareshareni.org.uk)

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or visit [fareshare.org.uk/membership](http://fareshare.org.uk/membership)



## Volunteers are the lifeblood of FareShare.

We are always on the look out for people to join our friendly and busy teams across the UK and especially in Northern Ireland. If you are interested in volunteering please visit [fareshare.org.uk/volunteer](http://fareshare.org.uk/volunteer). We would love to hear from you!



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