



Hello and welcome to the March update from Hull Food Partnership!  
You are receiving this email because you have previously signed up to receive more information about the work of Hull Food Partnership.

Today is the Vernal Equinox, and it looks like we are finally being blessed with some sustained Spring warmth. If you haven't already, now is the time to get planting.

The newly updated Hull Growers' Handbook has been refreshed for 2025 by John Pickles from EMS as part of the Orchard Park Postcode Gardner project. You can [download it here](#) and get inspired for the season!

Don't forget the [clocks go forward 1 hour](#) at 1am on Sunday 30th March too. So don't get confused.

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## Hull Food Partnership News

### Hull's Right to Grow gets signed off next week!

After years of work with community groups and organisations across the city, Hull is due to get the Right to Grow enshrined in policy and procedure at [Hull City Council's cabinet meeting](#) next week.

The meeting will take place on Monday 24th March at 11am. Members of the public will be able to watch it on the councils' [YouTube channel here](#).

You can read the [briefing paper for the cabinet meeting here](#).

Once it has been officially signed off, we will update you on what you can do to get growing on public land in the next newsletter due out in April.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work of our communities to keep it on the agenda and contributing their time and skills to make it happen. Thank you everyone!

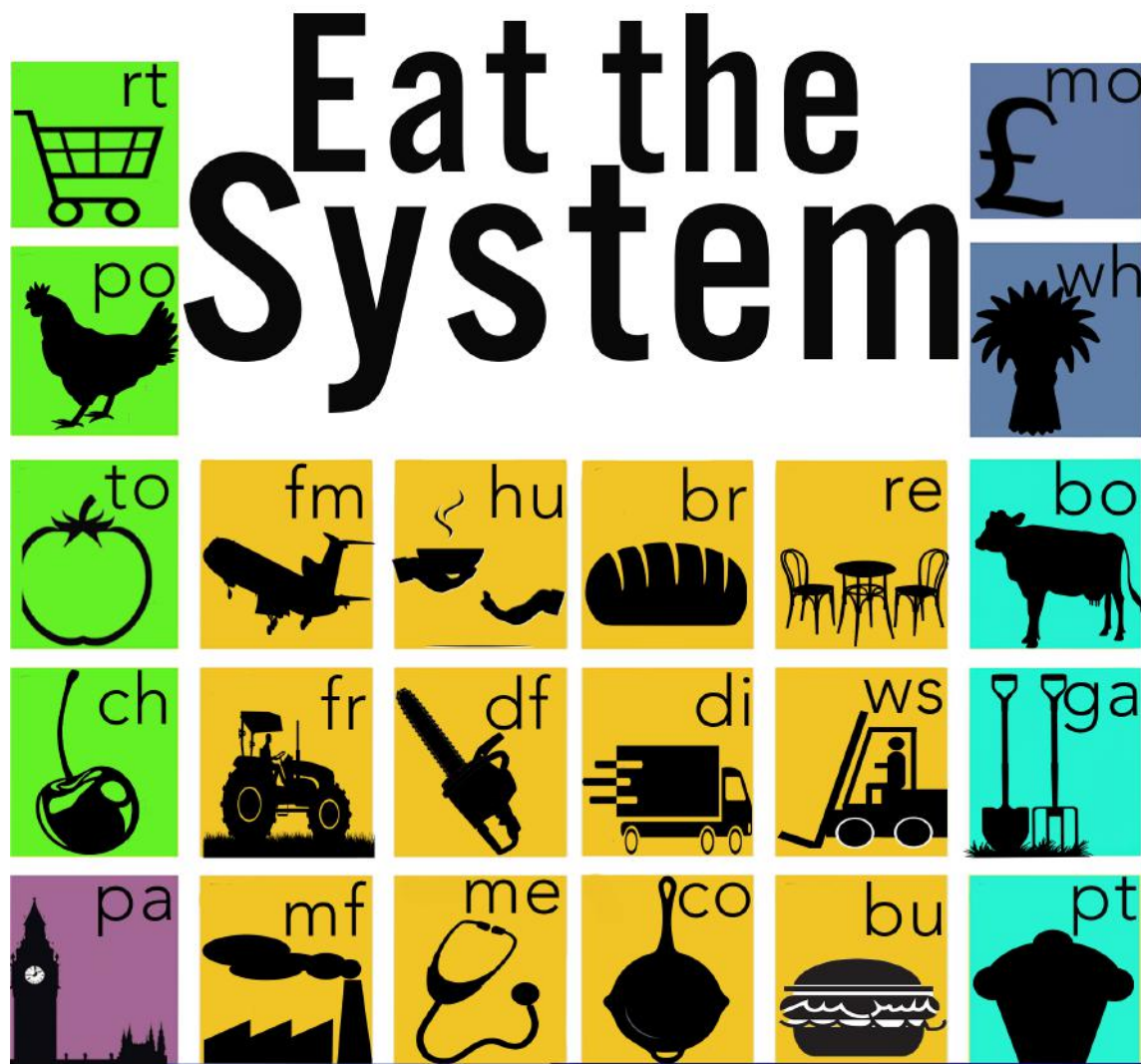
### Join the latest Right to Grow webinar

Incredible Edible are also hosting an online webinar on Weds 9th April from 4-5pm about what has been happening in Hull. As we have reported previously,

the whole process was followed closely by researchers at the University of Leeds.

In this session we'll hear the learnings and observations from that research, as well as hear from the officer who will be working with the community in Hull to bring the Right to Grow to life!

There will be time for discussion and questions at the end. [Sign up here.](#)



**Hull Food Partnership** in association with **Creative Projects**

**‘Eat The System’ podcast. Episode 14: Cheese, with Carlos Yescas**

Cheese, not everyone likes it, but those that do, tend to love it. It is one of those ancient foodstuffs that takes a few simple ingredients and seems produce infinite variety; thanks to traditional craft skills, and latterly, applied sciences.

[In this podcast](#) Darren speaks to an international cheese judge about all things cheese!

You can listen to the podcast via: [Spotify](#) / [Amazon](#) / [Apple](#) or [Deezer](#)

# Setting Dyke Community Greenspace *SPRING CLEAN*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**11am to 1pm**

Join your friends and neighbours on the  
Community Greenspace to help keep  
the Setting Dyke Community Greenspace  
the amazing place it is for humans and for nature.

All abilities welcome.  
Equipment will be provided.  
Please wear suitable footwear.

Meet by the shipping container  
Hot drinks & biscuits will be provided.



## Local News

### **CK Foods receives High Sheriff Award for service to Hull's communities**

In October, [CK Foods](#) a Hull-based food manufacturer and cash-and-carry wholesaler, partnered with [The Peel Project](#) to support local residents facing food poverty. Since then The Peel Project have piloted a fortnightly food bank, welcoming 100+ residents each time to fill bags with a variety of essential items, including culturally appropriate foods for households who observe a Halal diet. This initiative demonstrates the incredible impact of businesses like CK Foods, whose generosity and commitment are helping to give back to their communities during challenging times.

In partnership with The Peel Project we have worked with CK Foods on a culturally appropriate food offer for 12 groups across the city, reaching almost 900 households since January, with the aim of reducing inequalities and deprivation and increasing access to nutritious food.

On 16th March we were honoured to be invited to the [Lord Mayor's Community Iftar event](#), where CK Foods received an award from the [High Sheriff](#) for their tireless work in supporting the establishment of Hull's first Halal food bank. We'd like to echo our thanks for CK Foods' support and to The Peel Project who were instrumental in making it all happen.

### **Hull Community Pub Society needs your help!**

Earlier this year, the [Hull Community Pub Society](#) completed the purchase of the New Clarence on Charles Street in Hull city centre, and held their first AGM on 1st March at the Polar Bear on Spring Bank.

With the successful securing of the building as an Asset of Community Value for the people of Hull, much work is now needed to return it to its former glory as a pub as well as reinstate and improve the meeting room on the first floor so it can be transformed into a multi-use space for the benefit of everyone in Hull.

To do this, the share offer has been reopened to raise the funds to make the building accessible, install a lift to the first floor and create toilet facilities suitable for wheelchair users. The deadline to raise an additional £50k is Easter Sunday, 21st April. [Find out more here.](#)

Hull Community Pub Society are also seeking views from groups and organisations who may want to use the meeting room when it is ready, this will gauge demand and type of use the space might accommodate. If you have ideas for using the space, please complete the short survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGKS52C>

### **Hull & East Yorkshire Mayoral Hustings – two opportunities to find out more from the candidates**

The election of the inaugural mayor for the new combined Mayoral Authority of Hull and East Yorkshire will take place on Thursday 1st May. Six parties have put forward candidates as follows:

- Luke Campbell - Reform UK
- Rowan Halstead - Yorkshire Party
- Anne Handley – Conservative Party
- Kerry Harrison - Green Party
- Margaret Pinder - Labour Party
- Mike Ross - Liberal Democrats

Hustings are an essential part of the democratic process where members of the public are able to ask candidates questions about issues that concern them.

Two organisations locally have organised hustings so that we have this opportunity. They are as follows:

- Humber All Nations Alliance. In person hustings will take place on Tuesday 8th April from 12noon at 44 Portland Street, Hull HU2 8JX  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/604705762721743>
- Hull and East Riding Friends of the Earth. Online hustings will take place on Tuesday 22nd April from 7-8:30pm. Sign up to attend here:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hull-east-yorkshire-mayoral-hustings-tickets-1292721237019>



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# MAYORAL CANDIDATES

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Conservative Party

Labour Party  
Green Party

Liberal Democrats  
Reform UK



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## National News

### Government announces Household Support Fund for 2025-2026

The UK Government has published [Household Support Fund guidance](#) and allocations for councils to support households with bills and essential costs. The scheme runs from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, and is aimed to help those struggling with the cost of energy, water and food.

Many councils also use the funding beyond emergency support, giving earlier assistance to those who are struggling, such as providing insulation to reduce bills or replacing white goods and appliances. The guidance outlines further information on how councils are able to deliver this funding based on local need in their area.

Those struggling to pay their energy and utility bills or buy food or access other

essential items should [contact their council](#) to see what support may be available to them.

Details on the latest scheme, including the way the fund will be distributed, [is available here](#).

Last year Hull City Council received over £6million through the fund, this next year's funding for Hull is £5.3million.

Hull Food Partnership and the Hull Food Inequality Alliance have been working to represent the voices of communities across the city to recommend how some of this funding could be spent. We look forward to hearing from the decision makers in due course.

### Free School Meals one step closer to auto-enrolment

This week the UK Government set out to the House of Commons a series of options toward the automatic registration of all eligible children for their free school meal entitlement. These options were submitted to the UK Government several months ago, [in this paper](#), based on intensive work undertaken by Feeding Britain's working group on automatic registration.

We look forward to supporting continued progress along these lines. If you wish to signal your support for this work, please email [childpoverty.secretariat@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:childpoverty.secretariat@cabinetoffice.gov.uk) and recommend that this policy features in the UK Government's forthcoming Child Poverty Strategy.

Feeding Britain is also engaging with the UK Government around the future of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme in England.

To help inform this ongoing engagement, they would be grateful for any research, studies, or analysis you are able to share from your area, around the impact of HAF provision on children, families, and communities, as well as any direct feedback or testimony you have received from children and families themselves on what the programme means to them.

Email any information to [anna@hullfood.org.uk](mailto:anna@hullfood.org.uk) and we will pass it on to Feeding Britain.



### **Veg Power competition to win LCD sketch pads – deadline 16th April**

To celebrate #EatThemToDefeatThem 2025, Veg Power have 101 LCD Sketch Pads up for grabs!

Find the hidden veggies, submit your answer, and you could be a winner!

[Enter here.](#)

**Friends of the Earth**  
Hull and East Riding

**Hull and East Riding  
Climate and Nature  
Mayoral Hustings**

**Tuesday 22nd April**  
**7.00 to 8.30 pm (online)**

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### **Consultations / Campaigns**

#### **Contribute to the Hull Local Plan and win £200 vouchers. Deadline 28th April.**

Hull City Council are creating a new Local Plan that will guide how the city develops and changes over at least the next 15 years. This affects the lives of everyone living, working, learning and doing business in Hull so they are giving you an opportunity to shape its content.

Some big challenges face us including a requirement to provide almost 1,000 new homes per year in the city, addressing climate change and nature recovery, providing quality jobs, and promoting healthier communities.

Hull Food Partnership's contribution to the last Local Plan consultation paved the way for the development of the Right to Grow work, so your input can make



a difference!

It is important that people comment now or you won't have the opportunity later. If you do comment now, then you can be part of the ongoing 30 month process of review. [Contribute to the Local Plan here.](#)

#WeAreHereHull are hosting community workshops across the city about the Local Plan. [Please contact them for more information.](#)

They have created a simple survey which is based on community mapping conversations which have happened across Hull since 2023. You can complete it here: <https://peoplesplanhull.co.uk/poll>

They also have a [participatory map](#) which they would love people to upload information to. This might include community spaces, sightings of wildlife, spaces where water gathers, empty buildings, etc.

If people would like help in navigating it and uploading, [please contact them here.](#)

### **Government Consultation: Land use in England. Deadline 25th April**

England has limited land with growing demands being made of it. [This consultation explores the land use changes](#) implied by commitments to restore nature, support food production, improve climate resilience and deliver new housing and infrastructure.

It seeks views on the type and scale of land use changes that might be needed, as well as the actions government could take to support this. This will help to foster a public discussion about how land can better support government's plan for change.



# HULL CITY NATURE CHALLENGE 2025

Scan the QR  
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out more



**Join us to record nature in Hull  
from the 25th - 28th April 2025**

The City Nature Challenge is a global challenge to record as many wild plants and animals as possible in your city over one weekend in April. Join us to enjoy and discover the nature on your doorstep!

Get involved using the **iNaturalist app**, available on iOS and Android!



## Competitions/Offers/Resources

### Company Shop – a way to access cheaper groceries – if you can get to Grimsby!

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Join them and make your money go further. Best of all, membership is completely FREE!

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- Registered Charities inc. Employees and volunteers of charities with a registered charity number
- NHS, Care & Private Healthcare inc. NHS Ambulance / Air Ambulance / Blood Service / Responders / Pharmacies / Dentists / Opticians - plus NHS Agency Staff, NHS Volunteers & NHS Students / Private Hospitals / Ambulance Service & Private Healthcare Providers / Care Homes / Social Care / Private Carers / Carers Allowance Recipients & Hospices
- Police inc. Special Officers / Students & Volunteers
- Fire inc. Students, Volunteers & Airport Fire Services
- Support Services inc. Blood Bikes / Border Force / Department of Work & Pensions / Highways Agency / HM Coastguard / Immigration Enforcement & UK Visas and Immigration / Ministry of Defence / Mountain Rescue / RNLI / Search & Rescue / 4x4 Response / Red Cross / St John & St Andrews Ambulance
- Plus: Means-Tested Benefit Recipients, Armed Forces and more.

Find out if you are eligible here: <https://www.companysshop.co.uk/membership>

The savings are genuinely good value from reputable sources. Currently the closest shop is in Grimsby, but who knows what the future might hold?

### **Take the RHS community growing survey and win £125 garden vouchers – Deadline 31st March**

Do you grow or garden in your community? We have teamed up with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) to understand more about your experience growing or gardening in your community.

This is part of a major national research project to learn more about community growing spaces, your input will help shape support for community gardening in future. Take the 15-minute survey about your community growing space here:

<https://link.mhminsight.com/GEN>

There are lots of ways people garden in their local area from planting bulbs in high street planters, to food banks harvesting allotment produce to share with others. Let them know how you garden in your community, and what would make it better!

If you have any questions about the survey please email

[communities@rhs.org.uk](mailto:communities@rhs.org.uk)

As a thank you for taking part, respondents will have a chance to enter a prize draw and eight lucky winners will be selected at random to receive £125 in National Garden Gift vouchers. The winners will be notified directly by email by Monday 7 April 2025.

**Wild Play Day**

**AGES 11-16**

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## Funding

### The Communities Innovating Yorkshire Fund – Deadline 23rd March

The Yorkshire Policy Innovation Partnership (YPIP) is a UKRI-funded project operating in Yorkshire and The Humber, covering the 4 Mayoral Combined Authority areas of York and North Yorkshire, Hull and East Riding, South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire. The partnership brings together universities/academic research, local government and community organisations on place-based initiatives themed around:

- Inclusive economy
- Creative industries
- Climate

A key element of YPIP is the £800k [Communities Innovating Yorkshire Fund \(CIYF\)](#). The aim of the CIYF is to support projects, studies, activities, and collaborations that:

- advance YPIP's commitment to innovative approaches to inclusive growth, sustainable living, and data informatics
- include partnerships with – or significant input from – members of Yorkshire communities, and/or that deepen the capacity for the involvement of members of Yorkshire communities in policy innovation.

The CIYF particularly encourages:

- projects that focus on socially marginalized residents of the region— racial/ethnic or national minorities, women, residents of spatially isolated communities, those living in poverty and/or without adequate access to educational or vocational opportunities
- demonstrator projects, research addressing evidence gaps, the piloting or study of new approaches (or of existing approaches in new places).

Communities Innovating Yorkshire Fund applications must select and have a leading focus on one of the 5 YPIP themes:

- Collecting and Utilising Community Data
- Good Work and Better Business
- Culture and the Creative Industry
- Climate-Ready Places
- Communities in Their Places

The Communities Innovating Yorkshire Fund offers two different funding pathways:

- Seedcorn funds of up to £10k  
This funding pathway is for small/pilot projects, to be inclusive of smaller, grassroots initiatives. Applications for seedcorn funding will enable organisations to develop/pilot their ideas. The purpose of the seedcorn round is to enable groups without prior experience of grant applications to have the opportunity to 'learn by doing'.
- Larger project funds of up to £50k  
This funding pathway is for developing existing/more established ideas. Larger projects should propose 'deeper dives' into one or more of the five priority areas identified above.

All information about the fund can be found on the [YPIP webpage](#)

### **DEFRA: Tackling food surplus at the farm gate – Deadline extended to 27th March**

Food redistribution charities can submit applications for grants starting at £20,000.

Applicants can submit bids outlining how they intend to form relationships with farmers to access any surplus food, and how they would seek to increase their capacity to redistribute this food to communities.

The funding can go towards purchasing new packaging and labelling equipment and vehicles to move goods from farms to a redistribution organisation, as well as new equipment, like fridges or freezers, to safely store food and ensure it lasts longer.

The fund is open to food redistribution charities and any groups with an interest are encouraged to apply. [More info and apply here.](#)

### **Community First Prime Opportunities Fund – no deadline**

The fund is available to voluntary organisations, community groups, small charities and other not-for-profits serving communities in York, North Yorkshire, Hull and East Riding.

Projects must address issues which create barriers to young people aged between 11 and 19 from disadvantaged backgrounds from reaching their full potential. Priority is given to projects aimed at supporting people from the most deprived communities.

You can apply for £500 for up to 80% of the total project costs. Priority is given to projects which demonstrate that people who benefit have raised some of the funding required through their own efforts. It is also favours projects where the grant covers a significant proportion of the project costs.

Find out more and [apply here](#).

### **Morrisons Foundation – no deadline**

The Morrisons Foundation welcomes applications from registered charities in England, Scotland and Wales. Grants of up to £10,000 are available for specific projects that help to improve people's lives.

To be eligible, projects must address at least one of the Foundation's funding objectives of:

- Tackling poverty and social deprivation.
- Enhancing community spaces, facilities and services.
- Improving health and wellbeing.

The funding is to be used for capital spend or direct project delivery and must wholly fund the project.

Priority is given to smaller charities with an income of less than £1 million, though applications will be considered from larger charities.

The Foundation will not generally support salaries and other running costs or ongoing service delivery. [Find out more and apply](#).

# Keep Derringham Green invites you to **COMMUNITY FUN DAY!**

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND  
FROM PRINCESS PARTIES AT HULL  
12PM-1PM: DOG SHOW  
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BEST EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

CHANGING FACES FACE PAINTERS  
BOUNCY CASTLES  
MIMIS HORSE BOX REFRESHMENTS  
PIZZA STALL  
CANDY FLOSS & HOT DOG STALL

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## Dates for your Diary / Events

- #EatThemToDefeatThem [10th March-6th April](#)
- Food Waste Action Week [17th-23rd March](#)
- Spring/Vernal Equinox [20th March](#)
- Great British Spring Clean [21st March-6th April](#)
- British Summer Time begins [30th March](#) (clocks go forward one hour)
- Healthy Holidays Hull Easter programme [7th-21st April](#)
- Hull City Nature Challenge 2025 [25th-28th April](#)
- FREE Community Meals [every Thursday at 6:30pm](#) (Marfleet Community Centre)

- Waffle pay what you feel Community Meals, [every Tuesday 4:30-7pm](#) (Lonsdale Community Centre) plus [order home delivery](#) for a set price.



### Training/Webinars

**FREE in person training: Hull City Nature Challenge, Wild Walks & Talks iNaturalist training sessions. 12th April (10am-11am). The Deep.**

Booking essential: <https://www.thedeep.co.uk/events/wild-walks-talks>

In advance of the Hull City Nature Challenge come along for a FREE practical training session to help get you started! Meet in The Deep's Sea Lab 3 for a short training workshop on how to use iNaturalist to record wildlife. This will be followed by the opportunity to explore the green spaces around The Deep's car park with support from experts, putting your new skills into practice!

After this session, you will have all the tools you need in preparation to participate in this year's Hull City Nature Challenge (25th-28th April 2025). Think RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, but for all wildlife! No matter if you are a beginner to the app, or just need a refresher, all are welcome to attend these FREE sessions!

Useful Information (please read before booking):



- Please bring along a smartphone or tablet ready to install the iNaturalist app (available via Android or Apple App Store) and take photos.
- Parking is available in The Deep's main car park and is free of charge as you are booked in with us for these sessions.
- Please arrive at the entrance marked 'Learning Centre' no later than 5 minutes prior to your workshop time.
- You will be met at this entrance and shown to Sea Lab 3 for the training session.
- After the training is complete, head outside to explore The Deep's green spaces with support from our experts. Put your skills into practice and start recording the wildlife you see!
- Please ensure you wear sensible footwear for walking outside and remember to wrap up warm if it is a cold day!
- Take care whilst walking around The Deep's car park and green spaces, as there are uneven surfaces, kerbs and moving vehicles.
- Toilets, including baby change facilities and accessible toilets, are available on-site.
- There is also a café and picnic area at The Deep.
- If you would prefer not to be included in any filming/photography or have any queries regarding your booking, please email [marketing@thedeep.co.uk](mailto:marketing@thedeep.co.uk)
- Spaces are limited and must be pre-booked in advance.

Entry to these workshops are free of charge, however if you would like to visit The Deep before or after these sessions, tickets to The Deep must be purchased and pre-booked here: <https://www.thedeep.co.uk/visit/book-tickets>

### **Chefs in Schools – FREE school kitchen team training – starts 8th May**

Thanks to William Jackson Food Group, Chefs in Schools are offering their School Chef Educator training programme for up to 15 school chefs, designed to empower kitchen teams to create healthy, delicious meals. This training is open to all schools in Hull, whether catered or in-house.

Key details:

- Structure: 2 in-person training days, 8 online webinars, 1:1 support from a chef trainer & nutritionist
- Topics: Nutrition, food waste, school food standards, expanding tastebuds, and more
- Kick-off session: Thursday 8th May
- Venue: Hull City Tigers Stadium

You can view the [Welcome Pack](#) with further details. You can also [read more here](#) - and kitchen staff can sign up directly via this link: <https://chefsinschools.org.uk/contact-us/training-sign-up>

**Hull CVS Training: Award in Food Safety for Catering Level 2 (Accredited)**  
[Thursday 29th May: 09:30-16:00](#)

The training is free to groups and charities who have an income less than £100,000 per annum, other stipulations apply and are outlined on the website.

This is our most popular food safety qualification for anyone involved in the preparation of food. The course includes the basics of food preparation, regulations, precautions and care when handling food for others.

Successful completion of course and assessment leads to a 3 year nationally recognised Food Safety certificate.

Find out more and book here: <https://hullcvs.org.uk/event/award-in-food-safety-for-catering-level-2-accredited>

### **WEA Training:**

Founded in 1903, the [Workers' Educational Association \(WEA\)](#) is a charity dedicated to bringing high-quality, professional education into the heart of communities. Many courses are FREE or discounted (subject to eligibility).

Some courses we think you'll find interesting include:

- Nature, Ecology & Permaculture: Food Sustainability - Improve health and reduce waste [Starts 7th April](#)
- Nature, Ecology & Permaculture: Greener practices in the garden [Starts 14th April](#)
- Cooking from Scratch - Summer Recipes [Starts 10th June](#)

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