

**ECOWASTE4FOOD**

**REGIONAL ACTION PLAN**

**DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL**

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## **FOREWORD**

This is the Ecowaste4food Action Plan document for Devon County Council. The Actions have been developed following a two-year exchange of knowledge and experience between partners and stakeholders.

The aim of the actions is to bring about a reduction in food waste across Devon.

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## Part I – General information

**Project:** ECOWASTE 4 FOOD

**Partner organisation:** Devon County Council (PP7)

N.B. Action 1 is subject to funding confirmation by February 28<sup>th</sup> 2019. Action 2 will require further development and funding confirmation which will extend into April/May 2019.

**Prospective Stakeholders:**

(1)

Community Food Workers

Householders

WRAP's Love Food Hate Waste Campaign

(2)

Young Devon

Space

16-24 year olds

Hubbub's Community Fridge Network

Olio

Feedback's South West Gleaning Network

Big Lottery

Market Town Councils

Exeter Food Action

Food in Community

Local food businesses

Householders

Too Good To Go / Karma possibly

Local charities / community groups / environmental groups

Women's Institute and related / similar groups

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## Part II – Policy context

The Action Plan aims to impact:  Investment for Growth and Jobs programme  
 European Territorial Cooperation programme  
 **Other regional development policy instrument**

Name of the policy instruments addressed:

- (1) [Courtauld Commitment 2025](#) in line with the UK Clean Growth Strategy, 2017, 25 Year Environment Plan, 2018 & 'Our Waste, Our Resources: A Strategy for England', 2018
- (2) Devon County Council's ['Waste & Resource Management Strategy' 2019 Review](#)

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## Part III – Details of the actions envisaged

### **ACTION 1**

1. **The background** (please describe the lessons learnt from the project that constitute the basis for the development of the present Action Plan)

During the eco-innovation research cross visits, Devon County Council were introduced to a cooking education project in Ferrara, Italy; 'Activ Ecolab', which we would like to base some further work with communities / households on.

2. **Action** (please list and describe the actions to be implemented)

We would like to run a comprehensive Devon-wide Citizen Food Waste Prevention (CFWP) programme of practical cookery workshops teaching people how to reduce food waste through thrifty cooking. Delivery of this project will be subject to accessing suitable funding. We have prepared a pilot action request for Interreg funding and are awaiting a decision on this proposal tbc by the end of February 2019. For full detail on the proposed action please see the pilot action request and associated budget which we attach as Appendices to this document. Working title for the project is 'Clever Cooking'.

3. **Players involved** (please indicate the organisations in the region who are involved in the development and implementation of the action and explain their role)

Devon County Council – Project Officer to coordinate the project including logistics, budget and technical aspects and advise/train Community Food Workers on key Love Food Hate Waste behaviours

Devon households – to attend the workshops and cascade knowledge, skills and experience

Community Food Workers – to deliver the programmes of workshops

Devon schools / town councils / communities – venues, publicity, attendees

WRAP's Love Food Hate Waste CFWP campaign – key behaviours, knowledge, understanding and ideas of how to reduce food waste.

4. **Timeframe**

To be delivered April 2019 – March 2020 and beyond, if successful, subject to the designation or grant of further funding.

5. **Costs**

As detailed in the Pilot Action request budget attached as an appendix. Funds for:

Project Officer time for project management and training

Community Food Workers to be employed as external expertise

Mobile kitchen equipment

Ingredients

Kitchen space

Publicity & Marketing

6. **Funding sources**

We are awaiting the outcome of our Pilot Action request regarding funding. For future funding options please see the Pilot Action proposal.

## **ACTION 2**

1. **The background** (please describe the lessons learnt from the project that constitute the basis for the development of the present Action Plan)

Our own regional research and increased understanding of the position of local stakeholders has determined that there are gaps in capacity to redistribute surplus food from throughout the supply chain across Devon and therefore potential to increase the amount of surplus food that is redistributed. There are many ways in which we could have approached increasing surplus redistribution. One of the ideas that we came across during our own regional research was the [Community Fridge](#) concept and we think that this idea has the most potential within our context – particularly given it deals with household alongside commercial surplus.

2. **Action** (please list and describe the actions to be implemented)

Develop a partnership project to increase the infrastructure/availability/awareness for/of surplus food redistribution across Devon via a network of new Community Fridges (chilled space) and Larders (ambient space) in order to enable access to the numerous sources of surplus that exist – both from local producers and retailers and also from households. We have done some further work to develop this project as part of an External Funding Project Proposal which we attach as an Appendix for further information. Working title for the project is 'Food Freedom'.

3. **Players involved** (please indicate the organisations in the region who are involved in the development and implementation of the action and explain their role)

*Involvement of these players still tbc – currently in development / process.*

Young Devon – to support youth volunteer/skills/training element of the project

Space – with the gleaning element of the project

16-24 year olds across 8 locations – as local volunteer teams to initiate and deliver the project

Hubbub's Community Fridge Network – health & safety protocols and match funding

Olio – technology, advice and guidance

Feedback's South West Gleaning Network – advice, guidance and project support

Big Lottery – funder

Market Town Councils – fridge hosts / local champions

Exeter Food Action – local champion, food donations

Food in Community – local champion, food donations

Local food businesses – local champions, food donations

Householders – local champions, volunteers, food donations

Too Good To Go / Karma possibly – technology, advice and guidance

Local charities / community groups / environmental groups – local champions, volunteer support

Women's Institute and related / similar groups – local champions, volunteer support

4. **Timeframe**

Develop a partnership project and gain external funding to deliver this project from 2019-2021

5. **Costs**

£150,000-£200,000 – further detail in the External Funding Project Proposal Form attached as an appendix.

6. **Funding sources**

The funding for this project will need to be accessed via an external grant. We are aiming to win funding from either the National Lottery's Partnerships or Reaching Communities Fund. The outcome of this funding process will not be known until April / May 2019 during Phase 2 of the ECOWASTE 4 FOOD project. Please see the 'Food Freedom' External Funding Project Proposal attached as an Appendix for further information.

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Date: 21st February 2019

Signature: Anvee Davis

Stamp of the organisation (if available): \_\_\_\_\_