

Aim and team

We are a team of researchers, people who have experienced food insecurity and representatives from local authorities.

We want to understand what approaches used by community food organisations are most likely to help prevent the need for emergency food in two multicultural populations in the North (Bradford) and South (Tower Hamlets, London) of England.



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Methods

WP1 Systems mapping (May 23 - Mar 24)

- Survey of organisations providing support with food in Bradford and Tower Hamlets.
- Workshops and interviews with staff and residents, local and national stakeholders.
- Co-production of maps of food support systems and typology of community food organisations.

WP2 Long. qualitative study (Feb 24 - Jul 25)

- Purposive sampling of up to 10 organisations
- Ethnography, go along interviews and visual study

Initial results

89 organisations completed the survey



32 key stakeholders took part in an interview

4 systems mapping workshops (67 participants)
3 typology co-production workshops (30 participants)



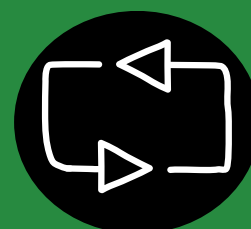
Emerging findings from the Systems Mapping

Complexity of food support systems



- wide range of organisations involved
- wide range of responses to food insecurity and approaches to prevention
- close inter-links with the social and economic context in which they operate

Food support systems change all the time



- in response to increasing needs
- depending on funding available
- depending on food availability
- depending on availability of volunteers

Next steps (Apr 24 - Dec 24)

1

Ethnography

2 researchers in Bradford and 1 in Tower Hamlets conducting ethnography as embedded volunteers in sampled organisations.

2

'Go along' interviews and visual study

We will invite up to 35 families to share experiences on the role played (or not played) by community food organisations in their lives.

3

Analysis and dissemination

We will share key learning from the systems mapping analysis with local and national governments. We will write papers and present at academic conferences.