



## **Bridgend Sustainable Food Charter**

### **Who are we?**

We are a network of people from a range of organisations coming together with a shared desire to make change.

We want to ensure sustainable and healthy food is accessible to benefit everyone in Bridgend County Borough.

The partnership focuses on a collaborative coordinated approach across the whole food system.

### **Healthy Food for All**

*We believe that healthy food should be affordable.*

Encourage more seasonal and healthy food on the public plate and available in our public spaces.

Establish a network of local growers and create sharing of food to all our communities including community harvest days.

Promote healthy sustainable food to all levels of society.

### **Accessible Food**

*We recognise the physical and financial barriers to access good food.*

Support existing community food projects to expand services including innovative approaches to food access in our rural and valley communities.

Coordinate community meals across the county through our community food network engagement.

Connect with growers to make use of community green spaces for growing veg for all.

### **Food Skills**

*We aim to Provide more opportunities to learn cooking skills including in schools and community setting.*

Engage with growing projects to make their services more accessible for communities. Learn how and when to grow in different settings.

Diversify food preparation skills including pickling and preserving to avoid waste.

Educate on seasonal vegetables, ingredient led cooking skills and the impact of food on our health and the environment.

### **Food for the planet**

*Our focus is to ensure sustainable food is affordable and accessible.*

Raise public awareness on food waste for individuals and businesses through engagement campaigns.

Increase community growing projects in shared green spaces.

Educate on seasonal food through Food and Fun programme.

### **Catering and procurement**

*We want to transform purchasing to include local suppliers and shorten supply chain and improve food provenance.*

Recognise the importance of public food in council wide climate plans.

Actively improve the procurement process for SMEs and workshop to help smaller businesses with bid writing.

### **Sustainable Food Economy**

*We promote a diverse and vibrant food economy.*

Encourage the circular system approach to avoid unnecessary food waste across the county borough.

Engage with employability for more jobs and work-based skills in sustainable food.

De-centralise the food system to mitigate the food shocks from the impacts of climate change.