

VALUES OF CORK FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

Health and wellbeing for all

Raising awareness of the importance of a nutritious, balanced diet for all. Improving the availability of affordable healthy food. Supporting a wide range of community growing and other food-related activities to improve physical and mental health for people of all ages.

A thriving local economy

Encouraging a greater number & diversity of food enterprises and jobs, making the most of our rich land & sea resources. Sourcing healthy & sustainable food from local producers & suppliers, keeping value within the local economy.

Resilient, food-friendly communities

Promoting and celebrating the food and culinary traditions of all cultures through a variety of public events. Supporting local, city- and region- wide food initiatives that bring communities together and help them to improve their neighbourhoods.

Lifelong learning & skills

Giving everyone the opportunity to learn about good food – how to grow it, how to cook it, how to eat it and how to enjoy it. Sharing and enabling organisations such as schools, hospitals, businesses and other caterers to transform their food culture.



A reduced environmental footprint

Supporting food production that protects nature; reduces food miles, packaging and waste; and increases composting and recycling. Maximising the use of greenspace and brownfield sites in and around the city to produce food for local people.

WHO WE ARE

Cork Food Policy Council is a partnership between representatives of the community, food retail, farming, fishing, restaurant/catering, education, environmental and health sectors and local authorities.

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WHY THE CORK FOOD POLICY COUNCIL?

The Cork Food Policy Council has been formed to work towards the achievement of a fairer, healthier, more secure and sustainable food system within the City and throughout the region. We pride ourselves that Cork is the food capital of Ireland. However

- Increasing numbers of families across Cork are finding it difficult to put good nourishing food on the table
- Advocating for innovative community food initiatives that seek improvements to the food system improving equitable access to quality food.
- Eating cheaply might explain why our waistlines are expanding – and is likely to result in health problems later.
- We are importing more and more of our food leaving us exposed to rising prices.
- We are increasingly disconnected from producers in the region.

MEETING THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE

We are facing global ecological and food security challenges, but

- Rising global demand for food accompanied by dietary change places more pressure on agricultural production.
- Climate change is already reducing agricultural yields.
- Freshwater supplies are under considerable pressure everywhere.
- As oil prices remain high, increasing areas of land are now used to grow bio fuels rather than food.



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OUR VISION

Cork Food Policy Council seeks to influence local food policy to follow best practice in developing a healthy, sustainable, & resilient food system.

Supporting new partnerships in Cork between statutory, community and voluntary groups, educational institutions & businesses to promote knowledge, skills & experience around food.

We advocate for innovative community food initiatives that seek improvements to the food system improving equitable access to quality food.



Benefits include; a vibrant local food economy, improved access to affordable food, food skills for life, resilient communities, redistribution of surplus food, reduced food inequality & reduced food waste.