



**Wednesday
20th October¹⁰**

Time: 9.00am – 4.30pm

Location: MERCI's Bridge-5 Mill, Manchester.

Dear Colleague,

The Kindling Trust will be holding the fifth *FeedingManchester* event in mid-October and we hope over forty groups from across Greater Manchester will be attending this uniquely regular opportunity to network, share and plan a sustainable food system for the city.

The event is for a relatively small number of individuals; community groups and voluntary organisations; social enterprises and independent businesses and focused on partnership working and practical solutions, aiming to:

- 1) Bring together the growing number of enterprises & groups in Greater Manchester who are working on, providing and/or interested in sustainable food issues.
- 2) Identify obstacles to people sourcing/providing local sustainable food, and solutions to those obstacles.
- 3) Develop a strategic way to increase the sourcing, provision of, and access to local sustainable food.
- 4) Define some practical ways to work towards this strategy.

Agenda:

Session 1: Progress to Date.

Updating each other with our news and progress since the last *FeedingManchester* in June (2010).

Session 2: Improving Communication & Raising our Profile.

Launching Greater Manchester's Sustainable Food Directory and Web Forum.

Session 3: Wider Engagement.

Exploring the idea of a co-ordinated programme of sustainable food events and possibly a large annual sustainable food festival.

Session 4: Influencing Manchester City Council.

4a. Providing an update and discussion about Manchester's Sustainable Food Steering Group and a 'Terms of Reference' for *FeedingManchester*.

4b. Discussing and planning for Manchester City Council's Climate Change Action Plan conference on 30th November.

Session 5: The Future of *FeedingManchester*

Where next for *FeedingManchester*?

Additionally: Throughout the day we will be making a sustainable food video.

If you are interested in attending please return a completed booking form to The Kindling Trust by Monday 4th October. If a booking form is not attached to this email they can be obtained from www.kindling.org.uk/projects/FeedingManchester/feedingmanchester-5

Attendance for practitioners will cost £12 to cover lunch etc., a number of free places are available and we may be able to offer a limited number of growers payment for replacement staff whilst attending the event. Places for public sector bodies and support agencies cost £45.

For more information about previous *FeedingManchester* events please visit:

<http://www.kindling.org.uk/projects/feedingmanchester>

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