



Do you care about helping local communities fight food insecurity (food poverty)?

Do you want to decide how £60,000 worth of grants are given out to community food projects across Bristol?

Apply to join the Bristol Local Food Fund Citizens Panel.

Deadline to apply: Monday 25th July 2022.

Paid role @ £15 per hour. Details below.

What is Bristol Local Food Fund?

Bristol Local Food Fund is a new fund that will give grants to community food projects across Bristol that are tackling food insecurity.

We have £60,000 available to give out as grants, and we hope to be able to grow the fund and keep giving out grants in the future.

The money was raised through a crowdfunder which ran in November 2021. Over 500 people donated, as well as businesses and Bristol City Council. Many Bristol food businesses offered rewards such as gift vouchers to the campaign to encourage people to donate.

Do you want to decide where the Bristol Local Food Fund money goes?

Community food projects do amazing work but it can be hard for them to access funding. We want the money from Bristol Local Food Fund to be given out in a better way, with people who really understand the issues making the decisions.

We're looking for 7 people to join our Citizens Panel who are representative of Bristol and have lived experience of food insecurity. The panel will help decide how the money is given out, and which projects will receive the funding at the end of the process.

In particular, we're looking for people who:

- Have a strong passion for tackling food insecurity in their local community.
- Have lived experience of food insecurity - such as:
 - Unable to afford enough food all the time, and having to skip meals.
 - Unable to access enough fresh healthy food in your local area because of lack of shops nearby or transport.
 - Not having enough time to cook and prepare food
 - Not having enough time to prepare fresh food
 - Energy bills too high to turn on cooking devices
- Live in any of the following wards:

- Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston
 - Knowle West
 - Filwood
 - Hartcliffe & Withywood
 - Hengrove and Whitchurch
 - Hillfields
 - Southmead
 - Lawrence Weston
 - Henbury and Brenty
 - Bishopsworth
 - Ashley
 - Easton & Lawrence Hill
 - Frome Vale
 - Lockleaze
- Are from groups who are often under-represented in decision-making spaces - such as people:
 - Who identify as disabled
 - Are from a Black, Asian or minoritised ethnic backgrounds
 - Who are single parents
 - In a caring role
 - Who identify as LGBTQ+
 - Aged 16-24

What do you have to do?

We're asking you to commit to 5 face to face meetings in central Bristol, lasting 2 hours each, between August and November 2022. We'll pay for your travel, provide food and cover any reasonable extra costs that will enable you to come to the meeting.

You will need to be available to come to the first session on **Tuesday August 2nd 2022**. The session will be around 2 hours long. At that session, we will decide together when the next 4 meetings will be.

There will be a professional facilitator running the sessions who will support the group through the process of designing the grant process - talking through the different challenges and questions and talking about the best ways to give out the funding. You will have the information and help you need to make your final decisions - all you need to do is bring your enthusiasm and commitment to each of the sessions.

Pay/compensation

All panel members will be paid £15 an hour - that's £30 per 2 hour session. Or we can give you the equal amount as a voucher if you would prefer. Pay/compensation will be given to you after each session.

We will cover travel expenses, and can cover other reasonable costs if needed, if it will enable you to attend the session. Just let us know what extra support you might need in the application form below.

Venue / Location

The meetings will be at Quartet Community Foundation's office, in Bristol city centre: [Royal Oak House, Royal Oak Avenue BS1 4GB](#) - just off Queens Square.

How to apply?

To apply to join the panel, please complete this online form - or complete the form on someone else's behalf with their permission - and we will consider you for the panel:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_6pX3GbYx85U5rVT2idXQM8ggRlr994Q7fByDwt0eKQ/edit

If you need any help to fill out the form, please contact: bristollocalfoodfund@gmail.com or if you need help over the phone, you can call or text Lucy Gilbert at Quartet on 07788 214 667 between 9am-5pm Mon-Fri.

Recommend or refer somebody

If you are a local organisation, we would welcome your recommendations for people from your local community who fit the criteria for the panel.