

# Infrastructure for local food chains

One of a series of seminars designed and facilitated by f3, the local food consultants. They are targeted at local food producers and support organisations. Each seminar aims to provide key skills to help in the development of healthy local food economies.



## Introduction

A healthy infrastructure is essential for a working local food economy. Infrastructure includes all of the processing, distribution and marketing resources for local food businesses. It also means all of the people skills and networks for supporting and developing the local food sector.

This training seminar will provide you with the knowledge you need to assess your local food infrastructure.

It will give you a model for evaluating your current situation and developing an action plan for local food infrastructure.

It will introduce you to working models and structures for local food infrastructure and provide you with practical advice about how to develop your local food economy.

## Who should attend?

The seminar is aimed at people who want to work in partnership or collaborate on new businesses, shared infrastructure, policy or strategy forums or co-operative ventures for producing, and marketing local food, including:

- Local producer businesses
- Local food support organisations
- Funders of the local food sector
- Local authority and health officers

## You will learn about:

- The Five Capitals approach to assessing your local food infrastructure
- New models for infrastructure including distribution, processing, marketing, and on-going networking and information sharing
- Exemplar models and structures such as Bridport Local Food Centre & Northern Dales Farmers Markets
- New models such as Community Supported Agriculture
- What this means for your local area - what needs to happen next?

## f3 training courses

Our courses are primarily targeted at groups or organisations with up to 20 delegates. This seminar is facilitated by two trainers, with active participation by delegates.

The f3 trainers are highly experienced in local food projects and the facilitation of groups and partnerships. The principal trainers for this course are:

### **Naomi Diamond**

Broad experience in local food and community projects. Specialist expertise in training and facilitation, local food links projects and local economies.

### **Simon Michaels**

Project manager for several innovative food and environmental projects. Specialist expertise in e-communications, facilitation, urban and rural regeneration, project funding and business development.

There will be two invited guest speakers who will share their hands-on experience of collaboration in the local food sector.

## Details and how to book

**Course costs** are £2,200 + VAT. Costs are designed to cater for up to 20 delegates, with the venue provided by the client (or arranged by f3 on behalf of the client).

### **Follow-up**

All delegates are invited to participate in an on-line discussion forum, where experience can be shared and questions asked. Further advice such as help with funding or business development can be provided by f3 on a consultancy basis.

### **About f3**

f3 - the local food consultants, provides research, consultancy, and training services to the local food sector. f3 has been established for 6 years and has carried out over 100 successful projects across the UK.

Our consultants operate as a co-operative of leading practitioners in the fields of local food marketing, environmental management, sustainable development, business and social enterprise, and community development.

See more about f3 at:  
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