

Factsheet 5 - Partner Charities

Tapping into surplus food redistribution charities

The organisations below are a very good resource to tap in to for surplus food supplies. Sometimes they operate a waiting list if the level of demand for partnership is too high. However, if you regularly make contact to request an update on your request, it will not take long for your church to become one of their partners.

1. **City Harvest** collects surplus food from restaurants and other food establishments. It distributes it for free to charities, food banks, schools and community groups that directly support people facing food insecurity. For more information on how to become a partner and what the partnership entails, please visit the website of the charity [here](#).
2. **The Felix Project** collects food surplus from supermarkets, wholesalers and other food suppliers and redistributes it free of charge. It is part of the FareShare Network which regroups more than 15 food redistribution charities across the country. The food is fresh and nutritious but cannot be sold for various reasons. If your church runs a lunch club, holiday project or any other food related project, you can also get in touch with the team [here](#).
3. **The Trussell Trust** offers its partners full training, an operating manual, Ongoing support from national staff team and an Area Manager, Template website tailored to your food bank, branding material, data management software programs, quality audits, etc... Food banks are asked to make a contribution of £1,500 during the first year of the food bank development and £360 each consecutive year.
4. **Independent Food Aid Network(IFAN)** seeks to connect and support grassroots independent food aid providers, to give a voice to these groups by advocating on their behalf at a national level. IFAN has co-developed CASH FIRST in collaboration with Nourish Scotland. The project is based on learning from Scotland's A Menu for Change, to give people more agency instead of vouchers. The project has been launched in six boroughs in London, of which three in Southwark Diocese so far. More information on CASH FIRST can be accessed [here](#).