

# SOIL ASSOCIATION'S FOOD FUTURES PROGRAMME

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### SCOPE

- DEVELOP THE LOCAL FOOD ECONOMY
- STIMULATE PRODUCTION TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR ORGANIC AND LOCALLY GROWN FOOD
- IMPROVE INTERACTION BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES
- PROMOTE THE SOCIAL BENEFITS OF FOOD-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN COMMUNITY CAPACITY-BUILDING AND REGENERATION

### PROCESS

- ESTABLISH A FORUM TO ENGAGE CURRENT AND POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS TO THE LOCAL FOOD SECTOR
- CORE GROUP TO CO-ORDINATE LOCAL NETWORK
- ACTION GROUPS TO FOCUS ON SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST
- TRAINING WORKSHOPS TO PROVIDE NATIONAL ORGANISATION'S EXPERTISE TO RELEVANT LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

### PARTNERSHIPS

- LOCAL AUTHORITY
- HEALTH AUTHORITY
- VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR
- ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATIONS
- FARMERS AND GROWERS
- FOOD PROCESSING AND MARKETING BUSINESSES
- ALLOTMENTS, CITY FARMS AND COMMUNITY GARDENING PROJECTS
- EDUCATION AND TRAINING SECTOR

### OUTPUTS

- ESTABLISH AT LEAST 3 SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD INITIATIVES
- IMPROVE INTER-AGENCY CO-OPERATION AND COLLABORATION
- INCREASE ACCESS TO LOCAL AND ORGANICALLY-GROWN FOOD FOR PEOPLE ON LOW INCOMES AND IN MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITIES
- ESTABLISH RELEVANT TRAINING AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES
- DEVELOP AND SUPPORT:- GROW YOUR OWN / COMMUNITY COMPOSTING / L.E.T.S. / CREDIT UNIONS / FOOD CO-OPS / COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE / SUBSCRIPTION FARMING / FARMERS' MARKETS / W.I. MARKETS / LOCAL ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AND CONVERSION / LOCAL FOOD DIRECTORIES / BUY LOCAL CAMPAIGN / FAIR-TRADE

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