

Lincoln Food Partnership

For fairer healthier greener food

Happy New Year! Welcome to the January 2020 Edition of the Lincoln Food Partnership Newsletter

For the Lincoln Food Partnership, 2020 is a year for awards!

Firstly, the LFP, working with the Health Advancement Research Team at the University of Lincoln, won the Vice Chancellor's award for 'exceptional' research into the local food economy. Washingborough Academy Head, Jason O'Rourke has won the Caroline Walker Trust national 'Food Hero Award' award, beating off some stiff national competition.

Lincoln Foodbank also has been awarded a van for five years by Lincs Van Hire, including its maintenance, and the Lincoln Partnership as a whole has been awarded a grant from the Big Lottery Community Fund to allow us to bring a number of projects to fruition.

Finally, in hope of a further award, we have teamed up with a number of universities on a research bid to explore health and environmental aspects of food. These all are reported below.

Please do contact us if you would like



to share your news stories about any aspect of local food – whether it is a growing project, local produce-making and sale, cooking communities or tackling food waste. We would be pleased to showcase your work, no matter how small, in this newsletter.

Our email address is: lincolnfoodpartnership@gmail.com

If you are happy to continue to receive this newsletter and therefore be considered a member of the Lincoln Food Partnership community of interest, you need to do nothing.

If on the other hand you wish to unsubscribe from this newsletter, just email us. Many thanks for your interest

Nigel Curry,
Co-chair Lincoln Food Partnership

Lincoln Food Partnership wins Top University Award

The Lincoln Food Partnership has been awarded the University of Lincoln Vice Chancellor's Award for Public Engagement with Research.



The Award judges assessed the research on the 'food economy and community' of Lincoln that led to the production of the Lincoln City Food Strategy and the establishment of the Lincoln Food Partnership. In particular they evaluated the impact of the research on action on the ground, particularly in the areas of food poverty, food education, food waste and involvement with local policy

The research was carried out by members of the University's Health Advancement

Research Team (HART), led by Professor Jacquelyn Allen-Collinson and Professor Nigel Curry (pictured) and the judging panel deemed



their performance in this area of linking research with action on the ground to be “exceptional”.

The Award was presented at a University’s ceremony to mark a number of areas of community achievement.

Head Teacher wins national Food Hero Award

Jason O’Rourke, Head Teacher at Washingborough Academy and a Board Member of the LFP, has won the Caroline Walker Trust Food Hero of the Year Award for his inspirational leadership in food education. He beat off strong competition from Nutrition Scotland, Street Cube, Fruit and Veg Kids (all national organisations) and Plymouth Soup Run.



Jason commented:

“It was such an honour to be awarded the Caroline Walker Trust ‘Food Hero of The Year’ award in recognition of the Food Education work that we have developed at Washingborough Academy and also with the TastEd charity. Schools can have such a positive impact on children’s relationship with food and I would hope that this award inspires more schools to include Food Education into their curriculum.”



The Award was presented in London by Anka Johnston, Chair of CWT and Professor Tim Lang, its President.

Caroline Walker was a British nutritionist, writer, author and campaigner for better food, who died from cancer aged 38. After her death, the Caroline Walker Trust was established with a mission to “improve public health by means of good food”.

Lincs Van Hire donates van to Lincoln Food Bank

The Lincoln Food Bank (Trussell Trust) received a most welcome surprise Christmas present this year. Lincs Van Hire very generously presented them with a new delivery van and are going to maintain it free on a five year lease.

Matthew Broadbent is the managing director at Lincs Van Hire and said: “I think we all take for granted being able to cook a meal when there are people out there that can’t do that.”

Simon Hoare, chief Executive for Acts Trust which manages Lincoln Foodbank, said:

“To have a van of this quality is a real boost to the team. It means their own work environment is really good. It’s a bigger van. It’s efficient, and for the City, it’s a great service.”



Even more incredibly, when the van was delivered, it had hundreds of pounds worth of food in the back! This is a great boost for the Food Bank as their existing van – used both to pick up and distribute food to those in food poverty – was on its last wheels.

Big Lottery Grant Awarded to the Lincoln Food Partnership

We have been lucky enough at the LFP to have been awarded a grant of £10,000 from the Big Lottery Community Fund. This funding is to assist in

coordinating the activities of the LFP over the coming year. It will help us make better progress in our four main projects – developing a central *Food Hub* for the City to redistribute surplus food to those in food poverty; the



Feeding Tariff which is to develop renewable energy projects, the income from which will support growing projects and the food banks; working to secure *the future of*

Mint Lane and its 'friendship' waste food café; and *Nourishing Lincoln* which has a number of proposals to improve people's understanding of food in the City.

We will also be working to increase our membership and improve our marketing so that more people in the City can enjoy fairer, healthier and greener food. So a big thank you to the Big Lottery!

Lincoln Food Partnership Collaborates with Universities over Research Bid

The Lincoln Food Partnership (LFP) has teamed up with the Universities of Lincoln, Reading, East Anglia and University College, London, in a large research application to explore transformations in the UK food system, to bring about increased health in the population and an improved natural environment.



The application is to the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council of Research England and, if successful, will run for five years. The LFP will provide the community voice to the research and one of its members – Washingborough Academy – will have a particular input in the area of education to change food tastes.

Professor Simon Pearson, head the Lincoln Institute of Agri-food Technology has led the research bid. He said:



“ it is important in research of this nature that we have the views of community groups working with the whole of the food system, rather than just agriculture, to ensure that we are not just technology led in proposals to improve health and the environment”.

Other partners in the bid include the Lincolnshire County Council and the Greater Lincolnshire LEP

Get Involved: Tell a Friend...

If you know of other people or organisations who would like to be involved in the Lincoln Food Partnership, please help to spread the word. Why not start by forwarding this newsletter to them?

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter in February.