

SUPPLY CHAIN SUPPORT

As part of your Food for Life Served Here journey, you will receive tailored supply chain support from the Food for Life Scotland team.

Championing local suppliers, using seasonal produce, and displaying food provenance information are all important requirements of the Food for Life Served Here (FFLSH) award.

At Food for Life Scotland, we work with local authorities, industry partners, Scottish food suppliers and producers to get more Scottish food on the table in schools across the country.

SOURCING SCOTTISH BENEFITS LOCAL PEOPLE, PUPILS, AND THE PLANET

Reinvest in the community

In an average year, the public sector in Scotland spends almost £150 million on food and drink.

By choosing to invest that money into local suppliers, you can:

- Stimulate local food and rural businesses.
- Boost local employment in the food & farming industry.
- Provide a route to market for local SMEs.
- Encourage a circular economy.

Reconnect children to their food

- Highlighting local ingredients helps pupils to learn where their food comes from.
- Serving local, seasonal produce means children can enjoy fresh food at its best.

Contribute to a greener environment

- Working with local suppliers can reduce food miles and decrease transport related greenhouse gas emissions.
- Choosing Scottish means using more in-season produce, avoiding energy-intensive heated glasshouses.

WHAT WE OFFER

We provide a bespoke service to help you align your supply chain with the FFLSH award, and to celebrate your success. We identify opportunities to increase the amount of Scottish food on your menu by:

- Exploring opportunities to localise supply by identifying suitable products and suppliers.
- Setting up supply chain pilot projects to explore and implement new opportunities for local supply within your area.
- Connecting with suppliers and facilitating supplier relationships.
- Supporting you to develop tenders that allow Scottish SMEs to compete.
- Working to increase the amount of Scottish produce available on procurement frameworks.
- Investigating opportunities to source new products or use new suppliers.
- Sourcing products that ensure FFLSH standards compliance.
- Analysing your purchasing data to identify opportunities and measure success.
- Helping you to celebrate your success and showcase your achievements with dedicated communications support.



Every **£1** spent through the Food for Life programme generates a social return on investment value of **£4.41**¹

1. Jones M, Pitt H, Oxford L, Orme J, Gray S, Salmon D, Means R, Weitkamp E, Kimberlee R & Powell J (2016) Food for Life: a Social Return on Investment Analysis of the Locally Commissioned Programme. Full Report. UWE Bristol.

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