

Political Economy of the Food System

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Questions and Comments from Attendees

- Education is a route to eating better'. Government should re-introduce food technology education at primary school
- Could we use cooperative buying power across the city to buy local produce at a affordable rate, making it more accessible to people on lower incomes?
- How do we encourage people to move to plant-based diets?
- How do we reduce waste?
- How can we get a more national cohesive approach to pooling results from successful local initiatives?
- Reviewing the role of allotments
- We need an advertising campaign on B&H buses about how to eat well and cheaply
- Having just one policy that we could all push for and that could make difference, locally and nationally
- Make food labelling much more consistent and easily visible
- Doggy bags in restaurants
- Relatively high price of organic food and people's poverty
- What is the message to the 400,000 people who work in the £35billion food manufacturing industry in the UK -it's not all evil
- Council should restrict number of fast food outlets
- Why can't slaughter house survive locally
- Increase the presence in supermarkets of local food
- School education about food
- System change for the provision of food to schools
- Subsidise local providers
- How to overcome resistance to shifting to plant-based diets
- Every morning I watch secondary school pupils arrive on buses and head straight to Tesco and emerge with energy and fizzy drinks
- Has research definitely shown that eating ultra processed food is related to obesity?
- How many people in the world are too poor to be affected by ultra processed food?
- Revisit the original idea of cooperative shops who owned the farms etc
- What about cooperative buying power across the city to buy local produce at an affordable price?
- What about inequality and poorer people lacking time and money to eat healthier?
- How can local and national government intervene to ensure British organic, plant-based products?
- Can we move towards a sustainable food system under the current international trade Agreements?
- What can we learn from the anti-smoking campaign?
- Why were food systems not addressed at COP
- While research definitively shows that the eating of ultra-processed food is a cancer risk, does it cause obesity other than through people eating too big portions?
- How many people on the planet are too poor to consume ultra-processed food?