



Impact Report 2024

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Administration and Governance

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Who We Are



Foodshare Kerry, an initiative of North, East and West Kerry Development and Saint Vincent De Paul, is a not-for-profit organisation set-up to combat the problems of food waste and food poverty.

Foodshare Kerry provides an invaluable link between producers of surplus food and charities that specialise in combating food poverty. We rescue quality surplus food from supermarkets and food producers and make it available to organisations who know best how to redistribute it to those in need.

Our aim is not only to have an impact on the major social problem of food poverty but also to be a benefit to the environment by preventing the needless dumping of perfectly good foodstuff.

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries – developed and developing – in a global partnership. They recognise that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.¹

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Foodshare Kerry is committed to championing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 2 “Zero Hunger” and SDG 12 “Responsible Consumption and Production”.

[1] United Nations; Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Sustainable Development. The 17 Goals. <<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>>

How It Works

Foodshare Kerry currently acts as the largest food bank in Kerry, also collecting and delivering ESF+; non-surplus food items, to front line agencies throughout Kerry, from Family Resource Centres to Homeless Shelters.



We commit to collecting surplus food from local businesses and suppliers in our purposefully kitted-out van, saving them the cost of dumping perfectly good produce. This arrangement also saves the environment the burden of unnecessary dumping.

The van delivers the surplus food to our warehouse in Tralee, where it is sorted, graded and re-packaged

We then deliver both ESF+ and surplus food to our community partners such as Saint Vincent De Paul, where these experienced groups distribute it to families and the people who need it the most

It's a win-win situation for all involved as businesses reduce their waste removal costs, charities are provided with a regular supply of foodstuff and large quantities of unnecessary waste are diverted. In addition to this, we like to think that Foodshare Kerry provides local businesses and individuals around our county with a practical and impactful outlet in which to express their solidarity.

In 2022, the FEAD programme was replaced by a new programme as part of the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) funding. The ESF+ Food and Basic Material Support is designed to support Member States in addressing the basic needs of the most deprived people in our community. It is funded by European Social Fund (ESF+) under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training Programme. In Ireland, the specific objective of addressing material deprivation through food and basic material assistance is managed by the Department of Social Protection. The focus of the fund is for people without access to income or living in very poor circumstances.

Foodshare Kerry provides a link between this programme and charities and community groups in Kerry, ensuring those in need within our county have access to these essential food and basic material assistance supports.



Social Impact

Foodshare Kerry's Strategic Goal 1 is to "Support the County of Kerry in achieving SDG Target 2 (Zero Hunger)." With the impact of the current poly-crisis (post-pandemic recovery, supply chain disruptions, and the cost-of living crisis), the need for food remains high and many families in our county are seeking support and utilising food assistance for the first time. Foodshare Kerry and our community partners are consistently adapting to meet the urgent needs of our community, while also building healthier, more resilient communities.

**In 2024, Foodshare Kerry supported
62 community groups in providing
food to over 14,500 individuals
experiencing food poverty in Kerry.**

School Breakfast Clubs

In Ireland, it is estimated that ten percent of all children experience poverty. A recent report by Barnados highlighted that 20% of people surveyed had to cut down on or go without food. Additionally, a huge 73% of parents surveyed said that the cost-of-living crisis has negatively affected the children in their care over the last 6 months.² Research highlights again and again, the long-term negative consequences hunger can have on a child. Post-pandemic recovery, conflict and the current cost-of-living crisis has conflated these issues, particularly in Kerry, a predominantly rural county. Increasingly Foodshare Kerry were receiving food requests from schools, as well as reports of teachers purchasing food for students using their own personal income.

Foodshare Kerry were delighted to be recipients of the RTE Toy Show Appeal 2022. This funding allowed us to run Breakfast Clubs in 6 different schools in our county, for one full school year from September 2023 to June 2024. Feedback received from the schools and participants stated how the project was extremely impactful.

559
Children
supported



3354
Meals
provided



[2] Barnados; Cost of Living 2023, Impact on Children.

Breakfast Club Impact

Figure 1: The impact on student awareness of healthy eating

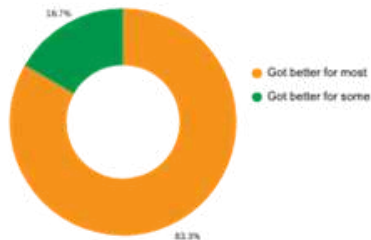


Figure 2: The impact on student eating behaviours generally

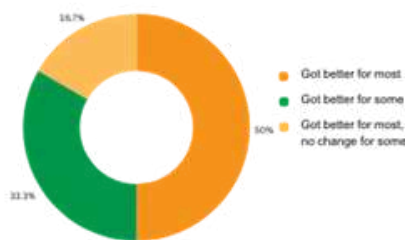


Figure 3: The impact on the health promoting environment of the school

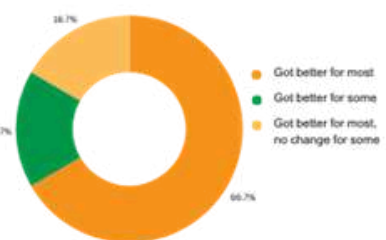


Figure 4: The impact on student behaviour

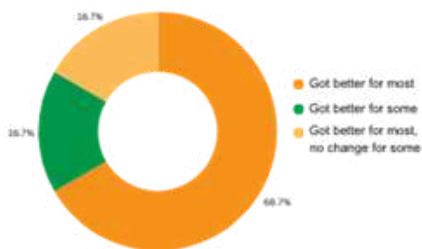


Figure 5: The impact on concentration and participation

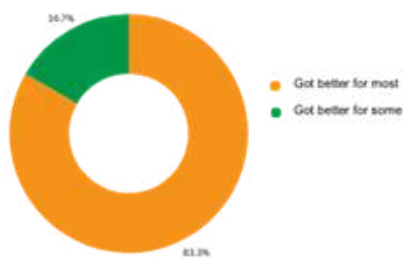
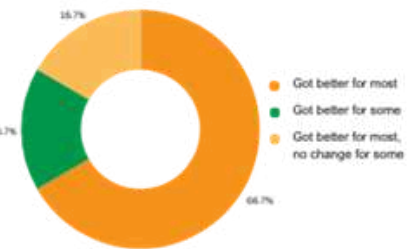


Figure 6: The impact on attendance and punctuality



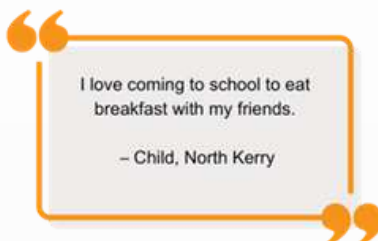
Impact of the Breakfast Club



Characteristics of pupils



Positives of the Breakfast Club

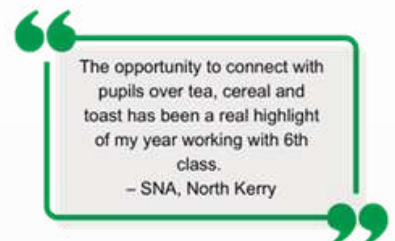
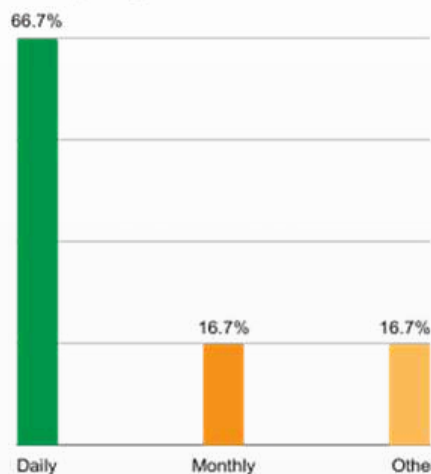


66% of schools

rated the project as exceptional



The frequency the Breakfast Clubs were run



100% of schools

reported the social relations between students and staff got better for most.



Environmental Impact

Foodshare Kerry's Strategic Goal 2 is to "Support the County of Kerry in achieving SDG Target 12.3 (halving global food waste)." Specifically, Foodshare Kerry supports the implementation of both the National Food waste Prevention Roadmap and the Waste Action Plan for Circular Economy, through surplus food donation and redistribution, as well as community education.

It is widely accepted that reducing food waste is an essential component for not only creating more sustainable food systems, but also in the transition to a low carbon economy. In 2024, Foodshare Kerry rescued and redistributed over 38.5 tonnes of surplus food, preventing an estimated 54,650 kg of CO2 Equivalent emissions, which is equal to 4,371 days of electrical consumption from one household.³

Despite the levels of surplus food collected remaining in line with 2022, Foodshare Kerry observed a large decrease in the amount of surplus food available from local retailers and supermarkets. This has highlighted the need to redirect our focus on all areas of the food supply chain, rather than solely on retail.

Businesses we have collected from:

- Aldi
- Lidl
- FoodCloud
- Supervalu
- Tesco
- Dunnes
- Annascaul Black Pudding
- Events
- As well as all the local farms and households

[3] Food Waste Greenhouse Gas Calculator

Growers Project



Foodshare Kerry are delighted to be FoodCloud's Munster Partner for their Growers Programme. Due to a notable decrease in the volume of surplus food available from retailers, FoodCloud initiated research on the horticulture sector, identifying the availability of a large supply of B Grade vegetables.

FoodCloud procures the vegetables, paying the farmers the cost of harvest, packaging and transport, unlocking a huge supply of surplus vegetables that would otherwise have been left unharvested.



33.2 tonnes of surplus vegetables redistributed



15 community partners supported



79,052 equivalent meals provided

Our Impact 2024

In 2024, Foodshare Kerry supported
14,564 individuals in the county



38.5

Tonnes of surplus
food redistributed



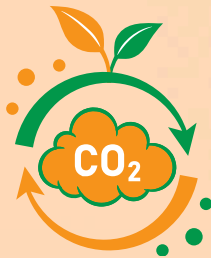
91,716

Equivalent meals
provided



123,265

KG of Co2eq
Avoided



62

Community
Partners
Supported



ESF+ Impact



76, 288

KG of ESF+
Distributed



2,265

School Packs
Distributed



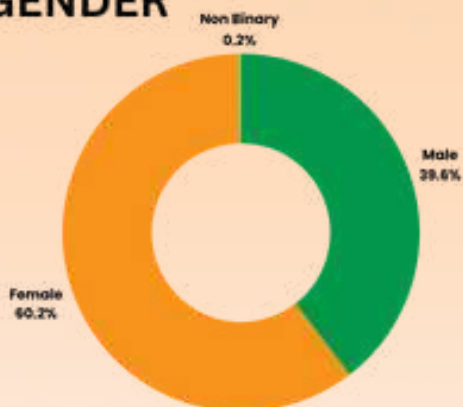
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Organisations
Supported with ESF+
products

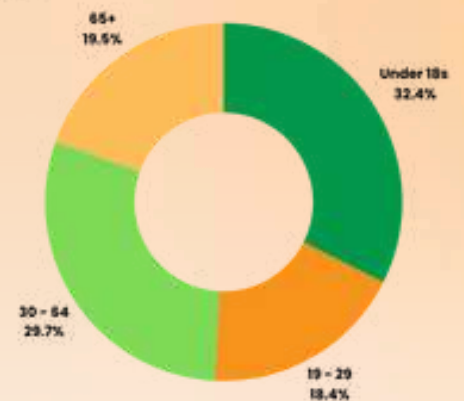
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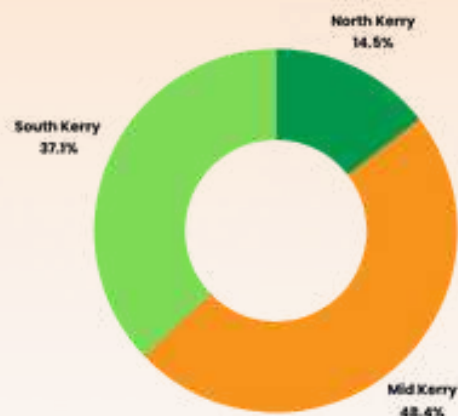
GENDER



AGE



LOCATION



Thank You To Our Supporters

We would like to use this occasion to recognise, and thank, the generosity and support of several of our corporate sponsors, donors, funding partners and the individuals, who have given their time and resources, and contributed to the ongoing impact of our organisation.



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Thank You To Our Volunteers



As a small organisation with a huge remit, Foodshare Kerry depends greatly on the support of our community. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Kerry Volunteer Centre for consistently providing us with the most amazing and hard-working volunteers. We would also like to extend our gratitude to each individual volunteer for their motivation, positive attitude and willingness to undertake even the most physically demanding tasks. Without your support, we would not be able to make such a huge impact. Thank you!

131

Individual
Volunteer
Hours



43

Individual
Volunteers



Thank You



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