Introducing the Food for Life Partnership

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What is the Partnership?

The Food for Life Partnership is a network of schools and their communities across England committed to giving food culture the priority it deserves.

Together we work to transform schools meals, reconnect young people with where food comes from and inspire families to cook and grow food.

Flagship schools

Flagship schools are members of the Food for Life Partnership network given support to go for Gold & become outward-facing exemplars in record time.

Flagship schools are committed to hosting visits from other schools & sharing learning

Selected to represent every possible school situation & catering model - many will have big obstacles to overcome.

Where?

- All nine regions in England
- Started September 2007
- 20 schools in each region
- 6/7 schools per term new starts

Who?

- Soil Association
- Health Education Trust
- Garden Organic
- Focus on Food

What?

- Create a network of Flagship schools/communities.

1. Food policy
2. Food service
3. Curriculum
4. Community

Education for Life

The education system is charged with preparing young people to take their place in a wide range of roles in adult life.....it has a duty to educate the individuals to be able to think and act for themselves.

Educational strategies within the classroom need to be linked to pupils' experiences

Influencing pupil behaviour

- Education
- Skills
- Access
- Availability
- Engagement & involvement

How?

- HET leads on policy development:

- Audit/review policy development
- Engagement/involvement
- Setting objectives/targets
- Action planning

How?

- Cooking
  - FOFC bus for one week teaching, running workshops, leaving ‘Cookit Kits’.
- Growing
  - Garden Organic will develop organic vegetable gardening projects.

food for life PARTNERSHIP

How?

Soil Association will support:

- Support sourcing/menu planning to the FFL targets
- Set up farm links to re-connect school to where food comes from
- Supply training in cooking skills/techniques and nutrition for catering staff.

What do we need?

- Commitment and enthusiasm from schools and caterers
- A chance to add value to existing programs and projects
- A desire to share excellence with others

Links with other initiatives

The Food for Life Partnership Mark is a great way for schools to:

- go beyond Healthy Schools Status (schools must be registered with National Healthy Schools Programme before joining FFLP)
- show they are a Sustainable School
- help pupils be healthy and make a positive contribution
- fulfil the new community cohesion duty

There is more.....

- high-profile annual awards ceremony
- key regional & national media
- entry in the searchable database for parents
- own webpage on www.foodforlife.org.uk to record progress
- advice lines, tips & tools
- support for disadvantaged schools

Visit the website:

www.foodforlife.org.uk