FareShare is a UK-wide charity fighting hunger and food waste. We redistribute surplus food to frontline charities and community groups that support vulnerable people.
Food Waste in the UK

1,900,000 tonnes
Food wasted by the food industry - estimated by WRAP

At least 270,000 tonnes
WRAP estimates more than 270,000 tonnes could be redistributed to feed people in need

12,000 tonnes
FareShare manages 4% of the edible surplus food available

WRAP (2016) Quantification of food surplus, waste and related materials in the grocery supply chain
8.4 million people in the UK struggle to afford a meal

Food & Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
Food Poverty in the UK

8.4 million people struggle to afford a meal - equivalent to the entire population of London

1.3 million people are destitute - meaning they cannot afford essentials such as food

(Voices of the Hungry, Food & Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, 2016)

(Destitution in the UK, Joseph Rowntree, 2016)
We believe that no good food should go to waste.

When we saw the problem of UK hunger we found a solution. It’s simple really.

We redistribute surplus food to charities who turn it into meals.

We are doers. We are a community. We change lives.
How FareShare Works

FareShare redistributes surplus food from the food industry... with the help of an army of volunteers...

...who turn it into nutritious meals... to 5,589 frontline charities and community groups...

...for just over 414,318 vulnerable people every week... last year we provided enough food for nearly 25.8 million meals.
Our Scale

20 Regional Centres across the UK:

- Central & South East Scotland
- East Midlands
- Glasgow & the West of Scotland
- Grampian
- Greater Manchester
- Hull & Humber
- Kent
- Lancashire & Cumbria
- London
- Merseyside
- North East

- Northern Ireland
- Southern Central
- South Wales
- South West
- Sussex
- Tayside & Fife
- Thames Valley
- West Midlands
- Yorkshire
Redistributing Surplus Food
A Global Movement

As a member of both European Federation of Food Banks and The Global FoodBanking Network, we are part of a global movement working to alleviate hunger by capturing surplus food and delivering it to the people who need it.
Categories We Accept
Why Does Surplus Food Occur?

- Packaging errors
- Short date coding
- Seasonal stocks
- Deleted lines
- Retailers rejections
- Manufacturing mistakes
- Incorrect forecasting
- Damages
Who We Work With
Industry Testimonials

“Yes, supporting FareShare was initially a decision from the heart, it seemed the right thing to do, but we’ve quickly learned that our involvement has helped us to be a better business and it is something that all of those involved are very proud to be a part of.”
Chris Mack

“You might just be surprised how simple it can be to turn your waste into something that delivers so much more for so many people.”
Suzie McIntyre

“FareShare has immaculate codes of practice. I kind of refer to FareShare as a social distributor, a partner, it’s not someone who takes our waste, they are a means by which we fulfil one of our commitments to society”
Bruce Learner
FareShare’s Work (January - December 2016)

- **12,336 tonnes** of food received (up 46.2% from 8,440 tonnes)
- **414,318 people** supported every week (up 112.8% from 194,650)
- **5,589 charities** and community groups helped (+144% from 2,290)
- **25.8 million meals** provided to vulnerable people (up 45.8% from 17.7 million)
- **£22.2 million** estimated value of food to charities (+22.7% from 18 million)
- **1,100 towns and cities** reached across the UK - 20 Regional Centres
Our Charity Members

FareShare redistributes food to a wide range of charities and community groups across the UK.

Such as:
- Drop in services
- Lunch clubs for older people
- Breakfast clubs for disadvantaged children
- Homeless hostels
- Domestic violence refuges

By receiving food from FareShare, these organisations are better able to provide nutritious meals alongside life-changing support services.
FareShare’s Impact on our Charity Members

52% of our charity members’ food supplies come from FareShare

Charities estimate that if they had to source the food they currently receive from FareShare, this would cost them £152 per week or £7,900 a year

FareShare contributes over £21.7m worth of food to our charity members

Without their current supply of FareShare food, our charity members believe they would struggle

1 in 5 would close down

77% of FareShare food has improved their clients’ diets

70% of charities said they can provide increased quality of food

75% of FareShare’s charity members say the provision of FareShare food has helped their organisation better engage with their clients

Thanks to a reduced food bill, our charity members can reinvest £3 million into other areas and support services

How This Directly Helps Vulnerable People

We conducted independent research with the vulnerable people who access our charity members’ services, to see how receiving FareShare food impacts their lives.

Key findings include:

- **93%** say the quality of food they receive at our charity members is either very or quite good.
- **46%** have gone without a proper meal in the last month.
- **59%** state they are now able to eat more fruits and vegetables.
- **75%** say having a meal through FareShare’s community network help them face the day ahead.
- **93%** believe they are saving money as a result of getting food from our charity members.
- **57%** state they eat their main meal of the day through one of FareShare’s charity members.

“Having a relationship with FareShare has in the first year reduced our food bill by 30%. As a charity, this has enabled us to put more money towards the cost of day trips, entertainment and activities. It is a bit like fundraising in reverse!”

Erica Ross,
Day Centre Manager at Disabled People’s Contact
“Financially we would not be able to feed this many people without FareShare. We would not be able to put on hot food like this every day... and this frees up our resources to focus on getting people into accommodation and employment.”

Cath Gilliver, Chief Executive of SIFA Fireside, homelessness charity
“One child said to a play worker ‘I come because of the food, because there’s no food at home.’ There are high levels of food poverty on the local estate (Rose Hill). When we didn’t do this, some children were crying as they were so hungry.

The donated food from FareShare is incredible - we couldn’t afford to buy it and feed that number of children otherwise. I think we must be saving about £9,000 a year on food.”

Fran Gardner, Community Worker at Rose Hill Junior Youth Club
We have extended our work to include surplus food at store level.

We are rolling out FareShare FoodCloud, linking charities and community groups with their local store.
How does FareShare FoodCloud work?

Store
Stores upload estimates of their good quality unsold food to the FareShare FoodCloud app.

Charity
A local charity or community group receives a text telling them about the available food.

People
The charity picks up the food they can use and turns it into meals for people in need.
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Come and help us save food and change lives

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