



WEST CHESHIRE FOOD PARTNERSHIP

Participation Pathway:
Involving Community
Voices

Stages of Participation

Inform

Let community members know what's happening in your group.
E.g. posters, newsletters, social media posts

Consult

Ask for feedback and opinions on ideas, events or services
E.g. Surveys, suggestion boxes, small focus groups

Codesign

Work together on planning activities or events.
E.g. Cooking clubs, garden planning sessions, recipe swaps

Coproduce

Community members help make decisions and shape the group's direction.
E.g.: Advisory groups, volunteer-led committees, co-designing new projects and delivering

Community Mapping

Who do we already connect with?

- Partners/Community organisations offering food support?
- People experiencing food insecurity or struggle to access healthy, affordable food
- Schools, Colleges and Universities?
- Food businesses i.e. cafes, farm shops
- Local producers

Whose voices are we missing? Gaps

- Young people and students
- Older adults and isolated residents
- Refugees / Migrant Communities
- People with Disabilities
- Rural households with transport challenges
- Low-income / Food insecure families and individuals
- Other marginalised groups facing food access issues

Lived Experience Insights (Food Focus)

- What are people saying about food access in your community?
- Challenges faced (cost, transport, stigma, opening times, dietary or cultural preferences)
- Who are trusted local food connectors /influencers
- What do people feel would make a difference?

Reflection / Action Questions

- Which community members or groups do we rarely hear from regarding food?
- Are there assumptions about who “needs” food support?
- How can we involve people in co-designing food solutions?
- What barriers exist to equitable food access and how can they be reduced?