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**May 2008 Newsletter**

**Welcome to the Healthy Food for All Newsletter**

### **Good Practice Guide for Community Food Initiatives**

Healthy Food for All is developing a Guide of Good Practice for Community Food Initiatives. Community Food Initiatives (CFIs) can help to increase access to safe, sustainable, nutritious food and promote well-being in a local area. The Guide will serve as a practical resource focusing on 'HOW TO' set up community food initiatives. A consultation event will be held on Tuesday May 20th to give stakeholders an important opportunity to contribute to the development of the Guide from the outset. Contact Orla at [info@healthyfoodforall.com](mailto:info@healthyfoodforall.com) or 01 8360011 for further information.

### **EU Consultation on Future of the Programme of Food Distribution to the most Deprived**

The European Commission has launched a public consultation on the 'Future of the European Programme of Food Distribution to the most Deprived Persons in the Community'. Since it started in 1986/1987, the Programme has witnessed an increasing uptake and contributed to secure about half of the food supply of the charitable organisations of the EU. With the subsequent CAP reform process, the intervention stocks that the Programme has been based on are increasingly a thing of the past making it necessary to examine options for the Programme's future. The Commission has launched a consultation with the aim of examining options for the scheme's future. To contribute to the consultation from an Irish perspective, Healthy Food for All is organising a roundtable discussion on Thursday 22nd of May 2008. Contact Orla at [info@healthyfoodforall.com](mailto:info@healthyfoodforall.com) or 01 8360011 for further information.

Information on the Programme and the Consultation can be accessed here  
[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/markets/freefood/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/markets/freefood/index_en.htm)

### **Funding for a HFfA Demonstration Programme on Community Food Initiatives**

HFfA has been awarded funding from *Safefood* for a 3-year Demonstration Programme on Community Food Initiatives. The programme will provide funding for a limited number of community food initiatives over a three-year period. In addition, the programme will provide a testing ground for community food initiatives, with the aim of identifying the resources and supports necessary for their development on a sustainable basis.

### **EU Consultation on School Fruit Scheme**

HFfA held a roundtable event on Tuesday 19th February, to contribute to the Consultation on a proposed EU school fruit scheme and to explore how best this scheme could work in Ireland. The

event was very successful and was attended by a wide range of participants. Click here to access the [HFfA submission to Consultation on EU fruit scheme](#)

## **Conferences**

### **Terra Madre Ireland 2008**

Slow Food Ireland, part of Slow Food International, will host a 4-day all-island food, business, social and cultural event for producers, stakeholders and the general public. The centre piece of the Food Festival is a one-day Terra Madre (Mother Earth) conference of workshops, where the concerns of various food communities and their vision for the future will be debated. The event will take place in Waterford from 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2008. See <http://www.terramadreibreland.com> for further information.

## **Publications**

### **SLÁN 2007**

SLÁN is a national survey of the lifestyle, attitudes and nutrition of people living in Ireland. To date surveys have been carried out in 1998, 2002 and 2007. SLÁN 2007 is the largest survey to date with a sample of over 10,000 people. The survey covers general health, behaviours relating to health (e.g. exercise, nutrition) and the use of certain health services. Findings are presented according to gender, age and social class. A report examining nutrition and food behavior in greater detail will be available in the coming months. The SLÁN report is available from [www.slan07.ie](http://www.slan07.ie)

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