

growing middlesbrough

Improving access to local food



Case Study **Teesside University**

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During the Local Food Procurement launch event, which was hosted by the University in October 2015, the University met with Rounton Coffee and Elizabeth's Kitchens, which led to an arrangement for their products to appear in campus catering outlets.

The University also hosted a procurement policy workshop where examples of best practice and simple to follow instructions on how to write and adopt a sustainable procurement food policy was delivered.

Teesside University has a Sustainable Food Policy which encourages local and sustainable food procurement. The University's membership of and active involvement with Growing Middlesbrough and the Food Partnership has strengthened its commitment to support the local economy.

Last year the catering team reviewed the food offer from campus food outlets and decided to introduce more local food suppliers. A number of local suppliers are now used, including Rounton Coffee, Olivia's, Stonehouse Bakery, On a Roll sandwich company and Quality Food Service. They are also investigating the possibility of working with other local companies, for example, Crumble & Slice, a local start-up food producer.

The Garden, one of the University's newest cafes, took part in Middlesbrough's Local Food Weekends in 2016 and will continue to support this initiative.

The University also supports Growing Middlesbrough through the Community Market, where local food producers and small businesses are able to showcase their products to students and staff in the surroundings of the new Campus Heart.

Finally, the University catering team and the Student Union bar are working with Emerald Biogas, a commercial food waste anaerobic digestion facility based in Newton Aycliffe. This will close the loop – 'buy locally, recycle food waste locally' – producing local fuel, and soil improvement products for local farms.



"Teesside University's involvement with Growing Middlesbrough has been driven by the University's ExtraLife Healthy Eating group, which is part of the University's ExtraLife hub and spoke model, as well as by the University's membership of Middlesbrough's Food Partnership."

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