



## Internship opportunity with Wen and the Tower Hamlets Food Partnership

**Would you like to help shape an equitable and sustainable urban food system, while learning more about multi-sector partnership working? Wen is looking for an intern to support the Tower Hamlets Food Partnership on two vital projects.**

### Tower Hamlets Food Partnership

The [Tower Hamlets Food Partnership](#) (THFP) is a diverse network of organisations and individuals shaping a better food system for the community, led by Wen. Members include housing providers, community centres, food distribution charities, schools, social enterprises, community gardeners, residents and the council.

#### Our Collective Vision for Good Food

Following extensive engagement with organisations and communities across the borough, we formed a vision for Tower Hamlets, where food is:

- **Celebrated** – Nutritious food is a leading element of our streets, estates and neighbourhoods. People feel happier, healthier and proud of their communities.
- **Fair for all** – Everyone – including our vulnerable and low-income communities – can access nutritious, tasty, culturally-appropriate food with dignity.
- **Community-led** – Our communities are empowered to develop and share diverse food knowledge, resources and projects, and be part of a thriving local food economy.
- **Healthier for people and planet** – Our food system nurtures human health, supports the welfare of animals, plants and soil, avoids waste and reduces the emissions contributing to climate change.

### Internship projects

We are looking for an intern to support the THFP on two main projects:

#### 1 Local food information resource

Since Covid, we have been sharing information on [community food projects](#), such as food banks and coops, and community growing spaces. We want to continue to share this information effectively and as efficiently as possible. This work will involve:

- Consolidating local food and growing spaces info into one database
- Keeping local food services webpage up to date, including checking info is up to date with members and identifying gaps and potential additions
- Creating a basic but user-friendly map of local food services to accompany the written information
- Helping to develop approach for keeping listings and map up to date efficiently.

## 2 Sustainable Food Places award

We are applying for an award from [Sustainable Food Places](#) to recognise the borough's achievements in building a better local food system. We want the award recognise the work of all THFP members. This work will include:

- Helping identify gaps in current application draft
- Contacting members for relevant project info
- Writing up projects for app (note there are strict word counts so writing needs to be concise!)

There may also be scope to get involved in other THFP projects along the way, such as helping to coordinate and record Partnership meetings and supporting the work of our new 5-year climate action programme Just FACT (Just Food and Climate Transition).

### Practicalities

Commitment: 1 day per week from mid-December 2020/start of January 2021 to mid-March 2021, with possibility to extend.

Location: Home working due to Covid restrictions. Possibility of occasional working at our local food office in Poplar in 2021, if working restrictions shift.

People: You will work with Jo Wilson, THFP Coordinator, and occasionally with the wider Local Food team at Wen. The position will allow you to engage with THFP members from across the borough.

### Next steps

If you would like to be considered for the internship, please send your CV plus a short statement of your experience in the outlined projects (up to 500 words) by **5pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**.

Please send to Jo Wilson, Tower Hamlets Food Partnership Coordinator: [jo@wen.org.uk](mailto:jo@wen.org.uk)