

THE BRIDGE AT LEIGH – FIGHTING HUNGER, POVERTY AND FOOD WASTE SUPPORTING WELLNESS, RECOVERY AND INCLUSION

We are a Community Café and Food Market (social supermarket) engaging with people through food and helping disadvantaged families who may find themselves in a crisis situation. We like to think of it as homeless prevention, helping the JAM (just about managing) families, the lonely and the vulnerable who may just want to spend some time with others, people who may have to choose between heating and eating.

Our mission is to reduce food waste, food poverty and social isolation. Tonnes of good food is wasted every year and at the same time people are struggling to afford to eat. In partnership with Fare Share and supported by local supermarkets and local businesses we are addressing this issue by intercepting food industry surplus which would otherwise go to waste.

WE TURN AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM INTO A SOCIAL SOLUTION

Our Community Café is open Monday to Fridays for breakfast and lunch where we cook this food into lovely meals. We serve up to 100 breakfast and lunches daily and are open to everyone in the Community with low prices. We ask for a minimum donation and if people can afford we ask that they consider what is a fair price for the meal they have enjoyed and donate that amount.

The food we collect and not used for meals is offered in our Food Market, allowing community access to intercepted food, encouraging and educating people on food waste. We operate a membership scheme which costs £2 for annual membership this allows people to shop in our Food Market. We have an average daily customer count of 80 to 100, and are helping more than 3500 adults and over 1250 children. We also help referrals and crisis situations presented to us which we give a meal and a parcel to tide them over and we can signpost to other services and organisations who can help.

Our new exciting development is Wellness and Recovery where we are offering Support and Advice, Music workshops, Anxiety sessions, Debt management, Confidence building, Crafts and NA meetings with plans for the first Recovery Café in Leigh. And on the top floor Just the Job which gives women the clothes and the confidence to do well at interview.

We are also thrilled to be able to offer 4 bedsits, three of which are now currently occupied and supporting clients. But for our facilities all three clients would be classed as homeless. Since 1st November when the rooms were ready we have had 13 referrals waiting to be assessed. Clearly showing a need for this service.

We hope to make a real difference in our Community and support them
BUILDING BRIDGES TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE



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