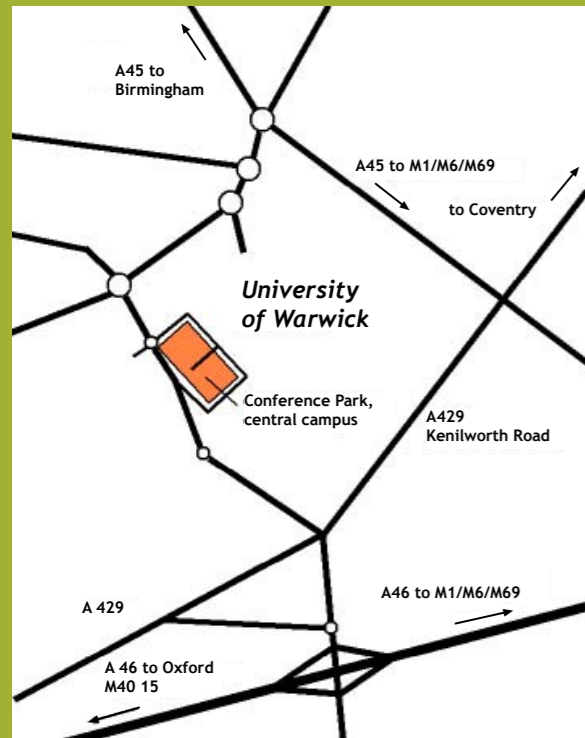


The conference will be held at the University of Warwick Conference Park on Monday 23rd September, from 9.45 to 5.30

location map



more information about the venue at www.warwickconferences.com



Local Food - *Global Experience*

Conference Fees:

Public sector organisations and private companies £155 plus VAT

Not-for-profit organisations, voluntary sector and individuals £90 plus VAT

This conference is the third in the FLAIR project. FLAIR (Food and Local Agriculture Information Resource), is a project managed by f3, the Foundation for Local Food Initiatives, to identify the scope and scale of the local food sector in England, and to help develop networking between the many parties involved.

The FLAIR report, summarising the state of the local food sector, has recently been published by f3. A number of discounted training courses for both support sector organisations and producers will shortly be available.

For more details on these other activities in the FLAIR programme see the local food website www.localfood.org.uk or email f3 at mail@localfood.org.uk

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the first international conference on local food initiatives overseas, and how they can be applied to the local food sector in the UK

Monday 23rd September 2002, Warwick

a conference in the FLAIR programme



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the context...



Local food has become a focus for activity in the last year. The 'Curry report' from the Policy Commission on the Future of Farming and Food strongly supported the concepts behind local food, recognising the benefits it can bring to local economic development, rural and urban regeneration, health and local communities.



This is the first international conference on local food. The aim is to explore some of the most exciting new ideas in the development of local food economies overseas. The focus will be on identifying practical ways forward at strategic and local levels, from some of the leading edge initiatives in Europe and the USA and exploring parallels in the UK.



The conference is aimed at all those involved with local food projects or policy development in the local food sector in the UK. We expect a diverse mix of practitioners and professionals from:

- local and central government
- regeneration agencies
- the private sector
- national funding bodies
- the voluntary sector



The conference will be chaired by **Elizabeth Dowler**, of the University of Warwick, who researches the social and policy aspects of food and nutrition.



The keynote speaker will be **Jules Pretty**, of the Centre for Environment and Society, University of Essex.

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The programme

9.45
Arrival, registration and coffee

10.00 - 11.30
Morning plenary

Introduction and welcome,
from Elizabeth Dowler

Keynote Speaker Jules Pretty
- Local food economies in the
developed and developing
world - the problems, costs and
lessons

11.30 - 1.00
Learning from action session.
Choice of six themed learning
sessions

1.0 Local Produce Lunch

2.00 - 3.30
Learning from action session.
Choice of six themed learning
sessions

3.30 - 5.30
Afternoon plenary

Feedback from learning sessions
& summary by Conference
Chair

Launch of Food Links UK

5.30 Close

Learning from Action sessions
will be chaired and facilitated
by national specialists from the
new Local Food Works project of
Soil Association and Countryside
Agency, Sustain's Sustainable
Food Chains project and members
of Food Links UK.

Learning from Action themes

INFRASTRUCTURE FOR LOCAL FOOD

Tim Crabtree of West Dorset Food and Land Trust on setting up the Bridport Centre for Local Food
and
Bart Soldaat, from the Netherlands on the Green Heart Landshops and an IT-based co-operative marketing scheme.

CONSUMER CO-OPS TACKLING FOOD POVERTY

Sharon Rouke of Countryside Alliance on the Cumbrian Food Co-ops directly linking producers and consumers
and
Gert Engelen from Belgium on Vredeseilanden which promotes direct links between farmers and Belgian consumers through labelling and CSA initiatives.

PRODUCER CO-OPS AND MARKETING

Richard Boden from Wyecycle (tbc) on development of Superfarmer - producer managed shops
and
Speaker from AVEC - 'Farmers in Direct Collective Sales' Rhone-Alpes region of France on the twenty farmers' co-operative shops, which are managed and staffed by producers.

LOCAL FOOD SOURCING BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Kay Knight from South Gloucestershire Council (tbc) a catering managers' perspective on local sourcing for schools and public catering
and
Maddelena Bolognesi, from Friulia-Venezia-Giulia in NE Italy, on Aprobio, a voluntary association that run school canteens which source food from local organic producers and work with teachers, local authorities and cooks to create a sustainable food culture.

ADDRESSING FOOD ACCESS

Speakers from the Scottish Community Diet Project on experience from Scottish community food projects and lessons from an exchange visit to Finland
and
Speaker from Toronto (tbc) on the Foodshare and food poverty programme.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

Bernard Jarman from Stroud on the start of a new CSA at Kolisko Farm, Stroud
and
Speaker from Cuba (tbc) on recent developments in urban agriculture.