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# Just Food & Climate Transition Programme



- Just FACT is a 5 year Tower Hamlets partnership programme
- Led by **Women's Environmental Network (Wen)** with research from **Platform London**
- It is made up of a network of people / 26 projects in Tower Hamlets
- It is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF)'s **Climate Action Fund**
- **Power of Food Festival** is a celebration & culmination of the Just FACT programme which comes to an end in 2025



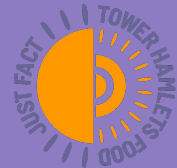
# Power of Food Festival 2025 - Event Grants Q&A

**19th - 28th September 2025**

A Tower Hamlets festival to celebrate community and inspire change in our food system



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# Overview of Festival Aims

- **Celebrate** our borough's food cultures, community and all the incredible work happening towards a fairer, more sustainable food system
- **Map** where local food projects are happening, giving people an opportunity to get involved and have a hands-on experience
- **Tell the story** of local projects, sharing what's been learnt locally to spark inspiration
- **Make space** for important conversations around food justice
- **Build support** so our food movement continues to grow

# Themes - Food & Power

- We invite you to think about the unique power of food in **creative, interesting** and **inclusive** ways
- Food is at the heart of our lives, **connecting us** to our food traditions, cultures, and people around us
- It links to how we **care for ourselves** and others
- Food makes us think about how we can **take power into our own hands** and **reclaim our local food system**, so it has the **interests of our communities** and the **environment** at its heart.



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# Event Categories

- Workshops
- Community cook ups/meals
- Cooking sessions
- Walks and visits (eg. touring projects)
- Panel discussions / Talks
- Networking sessions between different organisations/sectors
- Films, making or showing
- Exhibitions
- Guerilla gardening
- Community parties/get togethers
- Performances
- Taster sessions
- Skills exchanges

\*If your event idea is not listed, get in touch. We encourage you to consider your audience & engage with various age groups

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# Event Grants

- **Submit** an event or **apply** for a grant - each requires completing an event hosting form
- Maximum awarded per event is **£500**, but we encourage you to only apply for this amount if really needed
- **Limited funds** - we can support approximately 20 organisations with their event costs
- The **grant funds can be used to cover** staff costs, volunteer expenses and activity costs
- **Discretionary 'top-up'** support available to make events more accessible in some circumstances
- We **encourage you to partner** with another organisation to maximise people and groups who can be involved
- If you don't have a space for their event, we can **support with finding a free venue** - we have a list



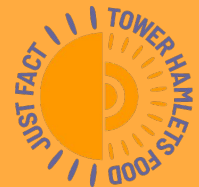
# Criteria to apply

- Voluntary and community organisations
- Constituted groups or club
- Registered charities
- Charitable incorporated organisations (CIO)
- Not-for-profit companies
- Community interest companies (CIC)
- Schools
- Community benefit societies

\*If you are an individual or unconstituted group, you need to be 'hosted' by an organisation or constituted group in order to apply for a grant.

## Events we won't fund:

- Aim to make a profit or fundraise (fundraiser events can appear in the schedule as independent events)
- Are invite-only (unless supporting a specific community)
- Do not link to the themes of food and power
- Don't take place during the festival dates or in the borough of Tower Hamlets



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# How to apply?

Everyone will need to complete an event hosting form whether you are applying for a grant or programming an existing event. You will need to include a photo/image.

**Section 1** - Details about your organisation: name, address, legal status, social media etc

**Section 2** - About your event: type, details, date/time, venue etc

**Section 3** - If applying for a grant: amount, details of the costs, bank account

**Section 4** - Terms & conditions / Declaration

Please read the **GUIDANCE notes** on the webpage

**Accessibility** - video/audio applications acceptable - make sure to cover the questions in the form

Limited support is available if you need **help with completing the application**

# How are decisions made?

Events will be **selected** by the festival working group based on their **alignment with the festival aims, and the theme of Food and Power.**

We will also be making sure there is a **good mix of events** in terms of event type, audience, location, and time of day – thinking about who the event is accessible to.

# Next steps & Key dates

- **9th June** - Deadline to apply for a grant and/or submit your event
- **10th-20th June** - The Just FACT team will get in touch with any questions about your application
- **30th June** - Successful grantees informed & event added to the programme
- **14th July** - Groups to provide any supporting information
- **July/Aug** - First festival programme released & promotion of the festival begins
- **Mid-Aug** - Second festival programme release with links to tickets
- **19th - 28th September** - Festival Dates

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Does the event have to be for Tower Hamlets residents?**

The event can be for anyone from anywhere in London or beyond. The event needs to link to the theme of food and power and celebrate local food, as well as taking place in Tower Hamlets.

## **Where can I find the grant forms?**

On the Just FACT website - <https://justfact.co.uk/power-of-food-festival-tower-hamlets/>

## **Can I apply for a grant and host an event?**

You can, however, the grants are intended for a host who would not be able to put an event on without the financial support.

## **Can I make multiple applications for a grant?**

Theoretically you can, but we would encourage you to apply with one project that you're really passionate about. Please read the guidance notes on the website for more information on the types of events we're looking for.

## **Can the grant be used to cover staff costs?**

Yes, the grant can be used to cover staff costs, volunteer expenses and activity costs.

## **Is a performance about food waste an appropriate event?**

It could be as long as it meets the criteria of being linked to the themes of food and power and engaging with the local community, please read the guidance notes for more clarity on types of events and audiences.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **I want to put on a Bangladeshi meal for the Bangladeshi community, can I apply with this event?**

Yes, a community meal designed for a specific community is an event we would support, you would just need to explain the specificity of the audience.

## **Does the event have to take place during the festival dates?**

Yes, only events taking place during the dates of the 19th - 28th September will be funded/supported.

## **I don't have a host organisation, can you help me find one?**

We encourage you to have a look on the Just FACT website and contact any project partners we work with. If you contact us with your idea we may be able to suggest which partner is worth reaching out to. Alternatively you can reach out to any organisation/group in Tower Hamlets that meets the criteria for receiving funding. Please read the guidance notes on this.

## **If I don't have a space to run my event can you help me find one?**

Yes, if you contact us with as much notice and time we can try and help you find a space to host your event. We have a small list of organisations in the borough who are happy to host but this is dependant on availability.

# Questions?

In the first instance please [read](#) the [guidance notes](#) on the event grants for answers. If you still have a question, email [hussina@wen.org.uk](mailto:hussina@wen.org.uk) or book in for a 15-minute chat

