

Minimising food waste at events and meetings

In the UK around 15 million tonnes of food is thrown away every year, 9.0 metric tonnes of this food waste is thrown away by hospitality and food services. Members of the University can help reduce those numbers by thinking about what they order for University catered events.

Ensure accurate numbers

Before any event or meeting where catering has been ordered, it is important to ensure that there are accurate numbers. If there is a change of numbers then informing catering staff of this can help reduce the amount of food waste. Taste Manchester, the University delivered hospitality service asks for confirmation of numbers two days before the event.

Leftover Food

If food has been ordered through the University's Taste Manchester service, the team will ensure that any food left over from any of their orders will be collected, and where possible, given to charity.

When other University approved catering suppliers are used from Unibuy, staff can contact and deliver left over food themselves using the list of approved charities below. In these cases it is imperative that the charity that picks up the food signs the following disclaimer , which you can [download from this page](#)

Overleaf is a list is of approved charities that the University uses to collect **food** waste from events and meetings.

Food Waste Charity	Location	Timings	Contacts	Details
1. The Real Junk food project http://therealjunkfoodproject.org/			Corin Bell corin@realjunkfoodmanchester	willing to collect food waste if we send them idea of quantity and types of food
2. Barnabus http://www.barnabus-manchester.org.uk/	473 Wilmslow Rd		Georgina, admin@barnabusmanchester.co.uk	
3. Greater Manchester Fare share http://www.fareshare.org.uk/regional-centres/greater-manchester/			Miranda- 0161 223 8200 miranda@emergemanchester.co.uk	Can collect data on donations
4. FoodCycle	The Roby, 307 Dickenson Rd		Zara, manchesterfoodcycle@gmail.com	accepts donations, willing to discuss arrangement
5. Fallowfield Fare share			Colin volunteer@fallowfieldwithington.foodbank.org.uk	
6. MUSCC http://www.muscc.org/foodbank				
7. Homeless UK	(Wood wood Court, Mcr)			
8. Bash (Young Homeless children's Charity)				
9. Cornerstone y Centre	Denmark Road		0161 232 8888	
10. Student Action http://manchesterstudentsunion.com/studentaction	Students Union		Sarah Brown sarah.brown-6@student.manchester.ac.uk	
11. Humanity Giving Back https://www.facebook.com/pg/Humanity-Giving-Back-103011393381843			Janice Stephenson Janice.Stephenson@manchester.ac.uk HumanityGivingBack@Hotmail.com	
12. Morning Star hostel http://www.homelessuk.org/details.asp?id=HO1002414	104 Denmark Road			
13. MustardTree	Ancoats	close at 16:00	Soraya, info@mustardtree.co.uk	
14. University Catholic Chaplaincy			Ryan Khurana- svp.muscc@outlook.com , 07838184395	