

AGM election with short statements 2025 – all voted in as local steering group members at the AGM for 2025-26

Cathy Henwood

I am employed to co-ordinate Feeding Bradford and Keighley by Inn Churches, a role I have done for 8 years. I am keen to keep building our network and the services our members deliver to more fully include all of our districts diverse community; to work to reduce dependency on crisis food provision and support people to move out of food insecurity; while ensuring there is a suitable safety net there for all in real need.

Jane Lees

I would like to re-stand on the Feeding Bradford & Keighley Network Steering Group as I represent VCS community projects and am able to give the perspective of what is happening on the ground locally within inner city Bradford. At Communityworks we are involved in feeding people through our children and young people's work, supporting families, run an older people's project and also work closely with Refugees and particularly Asylum Seekers in the local area. We also tend to support quite a number of single parents from the Asian community. I have been on the steering group for many years and value it and want to continue to help it grow in influence and impact.

Clare Leighton

I am employed by Leeds Diocese as a Pioneer Minister for the parish of Girdlington, Heaton and Manningham. We are the UK's 7th largest parish both geographically and numerically. Daily we work with a very varied cross section of the community but sadly find the uniting factors are people's level of poverty, ability to function well in the community and success in navigating everyday life. I firmly believe that relationships and engagement are the start of a change in life experience. We run several pop-up pantries alongside a rolling programme of open community space. We have different activities from social fun to help and advocacy advice. In all things we desire people to have dignity of choice and be active participants in their own story.

Dan Palmer

Bradford Council Ward officer in Keighley. I work to join up and create more holistic approach to solving challenges. I would like to see the example of the work we have done in Keighley bringing food providers together replicated across the district. I am keen to ensure communities are heard and part of solutions.

Imogen Stewart

I am the Corps Officer at Salvation Army Keighley. We run a busy foodbank, a community

meal and have various wrap around support including cooking on a budget classes. I am committed to using our food work to transform lives. I am concerned when food aid is stand-alone provision as it does nothing to help the person tackle the problems causing them to seek help. I have seen how transformative the right support can be in peoples lives.

Juli Thompson

Inn Churches Storehouse. As a teacher I have seen over the years how a lack of access to affordable food has impacted communities. I am keen to work towards a time where we understand about the provenance of food, and support communities and individuals to access affordable food, teach cooking skills and help people to access the information they need to make positive health choices and be able to thrive. We believe food should be for health not corporate wealth #foodforhealthnotwealth. Great to be part of the Feeding Bradford & Keighley Network and the larger Feeding Britain Network.

Graham Walker

I am the Chair of Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank, which works through 3rd parties to provide emergency food packages to vulnerable people in our multiethnic communities.