

# Your Local Pantry

## Community Food Stores

### 1<sup>st</sup> pilot scheme in Wales

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# Action in Caerau and Ely

- Asset based community development
- Supporting community-led action: “doing with, not to”
- Food and fuel poverty: practical support and advice – crisis and longer term



# Your Local Pantry

- Tried and tested model (social franchise)
- Membership based food store – 10 items for small weekly fee
- Not a foodbank – ongoing support, choice, giving something back
- Food sourced from Fareshare, social enterprises and community growing
- Run by volunteers – opportunities for training and employment

“With the food bank I feel like I’m lowering myself. I’d rather go without food. And it’s local so people I know are there ... The Pantry feels different because you have paid and you are making a choice on the food you take home.”

# Why are ACE piloting YLP?

- Addressing challenge to develop sustainable project tackling long term food poverty
- Build people's cooking skills and confidence, creating positive narratives around food
- Improved health outcomes, financial and emotional wellbeing (social inclusion)



# Progress and challenges

- Redeveloping underused workshop at Dusty Forge
- Community consultations, research and business planning, recruiting volunteers
- Aiming to launch early April with 50 members (150 after 1 year)



Challenges in finding set up costs / staff time to develop