

FOOD FOR ALL ANNUAL REPORT

FEEDING
THE 5000

2010



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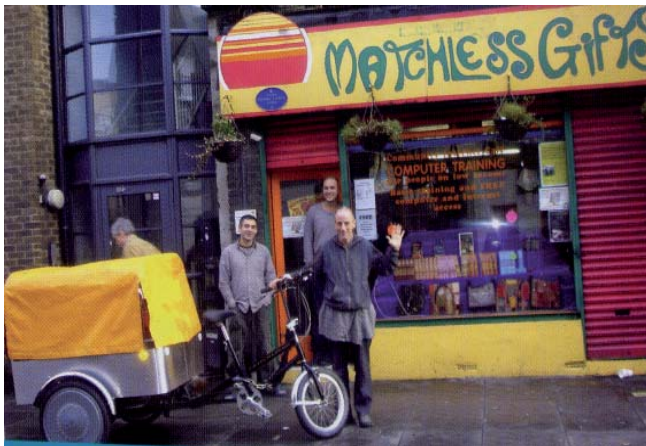
The
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The UK's foremost
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RESOURCE AWARDS WINNER 2008/2009
Novels Community Recycling
Project Of The Year

Rick Rickshaws & Food Distribution



The rickshaws have proved useful not only in expanding our food distribution activities to serve disadvantaged people, but also in such diverse activities as collecting used computers to recycle and recondition for use at our centre's free internet facility. Our food distribution project goes from strength to strength, and we are proud to have played an active role in bringing down legislation to outlaw street distribution of food to the homeless last winter.



Centre Activities



Ongoing and expanding activities at the centre include our popular yoga classes, which have a positive health impact, as well as our cookery lessons, facilitated by the head chef at Govinda's, a top London vegetarian restaurant, boat building and sailing, art, music, computer training, "life coaching for people with addictions" workshops by Dr. John Corlisle.



London Councils have been supporting Food For All since July 2008. £109,000 in total has been pledged to support the projects over the next three years. Between this and Big Lottery we are in a more stable financial position than ever before. We still need to secure funds to expand and develop the project.



MP Glenda Jackson

Food For All trustees are highly impressed with this years achievements and the level of the volunteers commitment. Books were balanced nicely with £11,000 in the clear – a healthy start to the new financial year.

Feeding the 5000 in Trafalgar Square

On 16th December an event called Feed the 5000 took place. There was a cooperative effort to turn over 10 tonnes of unwanted fruit and vegetables into a spectacular free lunch for passers-by in Trafalgar Square. Groups involved were, Fare Share, Save the Children, Action Aid, and ourselves Food For All. The aim was to highlight the unbelievable waste of good food in affluent countries. We live in a society that has largely become disconnected from the land that sustains us. Food waste has become big news over the past year. Back in July the Gordon Brown PM urged people to stop wasting food as a government study revealed that 4 million tonnes of food are thrown away every year.



At 4am I lit the gas burners underneath the biggest pots imaginable. These pots could be used as boats. The cooking went to plan, and it turned out beautifully - Gordon Ramsay eat your heart out. Enough food for over 5,000 people. Again, volunteers arrived to help transfer the food into two vans that we brought to Trafalgar square. we arrived minutes before the official start. And already there were hundreds of people queuing up. Within the next 2 1.2 hours we had managed to feed over 5000 people and to add to the atmosphere the snow came down in bucket loads.