

FOOD LARDERS

Community food larders

Community larders, pantries, and fridges can help people share food, reducing waste and make sure everyone has enough. Some have staff or volunteers, and work like a free or low-cost local shop. Others are more like boxes in public spaces, that everyone can use to drop off or pick up food whenever they want to.

Funding: Some community larders apply for funding, and others are organised by community members without any funds.

What to put in the larder: They can include cupboard foods, homemade jam, fresh produce, or health and sanitary products. Find out what people in your community need.

Cleaning: Decide who's going to clean it, and how often. Local charities might be able to help volunteers get food safety training.

Where: The larder could be indoors or outdoors. You'll need permission to put it in some locations - ask the local council and charities for ideas, and think about how people can get there with public transport.