

FOOD WORKS CLUSTER EVENTS GUIDE 2026

JANUARY

Event type: Workshop for cluster members
Event: **Grow Local, Go National - The Power of the Love Irish Food Brand**
Date: Tuesday 20th January
Time: 10.30-12pm
Location: Food, drink, Agritech innovation hub, Athy

Join us for an inspiring session on how Love Irish Food is championing Irish-made food and drink brands and why your business should be part of it.

FEBRUARY

Event type: Training programme
Event: **Start your own food business**
Date: Saturday 7th and 14th February
Time: 08.30-4.30pm
Location: Food, drink, Agritech innovation hub, Athy

Whether you are in the early stages of planning or ready to take the next step, this programme is designed to guide you through the essentials of starting your own food business.

MARCH

Event type: Showcase
Event: **Irish trade connect forum**
Date: Thursday 26th March
Time: TBC
Location: Killashee house hotel, Naas

APRIL

Event type: Workshop for cluster members
Event: **Financing your food business**
Date: Tuesday 21st April
Time: 10.30-12pm
Location: Food, drink, Agritech innovation hub, Athy

This practical meet-up is designed to help food entrepreneurs, at all stages, understand the financial foundations of building a sustainable and profitable business in Ireland and align those to specific funding opportunities.

MAY

Event type: Showcase
Event: **Kildare inclusivity Festival**
Date: Sunday 10th May
Time: 11-4pm
Location: Curragh Racecourse

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Event type: Workshop for cluster members
Event: **The Recipe for Visibility - PR and Digital Marketing**

Date: Tuesday 26th May
Time: 10.30-12pm
Location: Athy Food , drink, Agritech Innovation Hub

This dynamic session brings together two leading voices in Irish food marketing to help you unlock the power of storytelling, social media, and strategic PR

