

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March  
**Time:** TBC  
**Location:** Killashee house hotel, Naas

## APRIL

**Event type:** Workshop for cluster members  
**Event:** Financing your food business  
**Date:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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



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## AUGUST

**Event type:** Showcase  
**Event:** Taste of Kildare  
**Date:** TBC  
**Time:** All day  
**Location:** Naas Racecourse

Taste of Kildare is Kildare's flagship food festival, celebrating local producers, chefs, and makers through vibrant markets, live demos, and family entertainment.

## OCTOBER

**Event type:** Workshop for cluster members  
**Event:** Food forward  
**Date:** TBC  
**Time:** TBC  
**Location:** Food, drink, Agritech innovation hub, Athy

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**Event type:** Workshop for cluster members  
**Event:** How to export your brand  
**Date:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
**Time:** 10-12.30pm  
**Location:** Food, drink, Agritech innovation hub, Athy

How to export your brand Join us for an engaging and practical session designed to help Irish food businesses understand the opportunities, challenges, and strategies involved in exporting their brand.

For more details please visit  
[localenterprise.ie/Kildare](http://localenterprise.ie/Kildare)

