# **The University of Manchester Food Waste Reduction – Target, Measure, Act**

At The University of Manchester,we believe that setting a target, measuring and taking action to reduce our food waste by feeding people not bins, is good for the wellbeing of our local community, our planet and our business.

**Our Food Waste Reduction Actions:**

The University of Manchester is committed to the following actions:

* **Target:**
  + Reduce the amount of food we throw away by 50% by 2030 using 2023 as a baseline and will sign up to the [UK Food Waste Reduction Roadmap](https://wrap.org.uk/food-waste-reduction-roadmap)
* **Measure:**
  + Track the amount of food we throw away daily.
* **Act:**
  + Actively engage our staff in suggesting ideas to reduce food waste and to take ownership to act on them.
  + Redistribute surplus food which is still safe to eat to the Community Fridge in the SU or Cornerstone, Denmark Road who support the homeless
  + Where we have control, send food waste that cannot be prevented for anaerobic digestion through our waste management contractor.
  + Comply with relevant food safety and waste legislation.
* **Engage:**
  + Create a strategic food waste reduction action plan that links all the departments and processes in the institution.
  + Identify the internal and external stakeholders that must be engaged to achieve success, including customers, suppliers and waste management contractors.
  + Communicate with our customers on the actions we are taking to reducing food waste.

To achieve these actions, we are embedding the following within Hospitality & Events:

**Staff Training & Support:**

* We will adopt the ‘Guardians of Grub; Becoming a Champion’ learning programme, to empower and train existing and new staff on how to reduce food waste safely
* We will communicate our food waste reduction policy targets and action plan to our employees.

**Measure, Track and Report:**

* We set food waste reduction targets and share with all staff.
* We measure and track Spoilage, Preparation, Plate and over production, food waste on a daily basis to track the impact of our actions.
* We develop and implement a food waste reduction action plan.
* We will review and report our progress a quarterly basis. We strive for continual improvement in food waste reduction, safe food redistribution and recycling.