



Getting Your People's Fridge Started: How to guide

Things to think about before you start your fridge:

- **Site** - where the fridge will get put and where the plug it into the electricity and makes sure it is secure
- **Safety** - when does it get cleaned, who cleans it and makes sure the food in it is safe?
- **Support** - getting your volunteer force together to look after the fridge - super important
- **Stakeholders** - who do you need to talk to about your fridge (e.g. homeless groups, food shops, your local government)
- **Suppliers** - who is going to put food in your fridge, do they know about you, how can you keep your fridge stocked with food
- **Consumers** - who are the people who are going to use your fridge and how do they find out about it
- **Funding** - how are you going to buy your fridge, pay for electricity, pay for leaflets and advertising
- **Sustainability** - what are you going to do to make sure you can keep going for more than just a few months

The People's Fridge does not operate under a licence.

We engaged with our local food standards officer before we launched and you will need to do so too.

We know of fridges that have been registered as food businesses for the purposes of food safety although that has not been the case for us. We do however pay £400 in public liability insurance and the issue of liability and accountability is both important and necessary.

Other resources

There are some great resources out there to get you off the ground. [Hubbub UK](#) is a really useful website and they have lots of information on community fridges. You can also find a great

resource pack [here](#), put together by the Edventure with the Community Fridge in Somerset - the first community fridge to launch in the UK.

We'll support in any way we can and are happy to answer any questions. If you want to come to Brixton please feel free to come and visit - we're always happy to show people how Freddie the Fridge works and talk through the processes we've gone through. Our operations group meets every Monday at 1830 at the Impact Hub's Open Project Night and we would be happy to share our processes and learnings with you if you join us.

Good luck!

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