



Markets and other Local Authority supports for small, local producers

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The English Market.. A little history...



The English Market has been operating on the same site since 1788, when stalls first opened for trade in the original Grand Parade meat market.

Fish market and then a fowl market were created nearby in the 1780's / 90's. – so effectively what you see today is a collection of market buildings.

The Market has faced and withstood significant economic, social and political difficulties including flood, fire, famine, war, economic depression and now a global pandemic!

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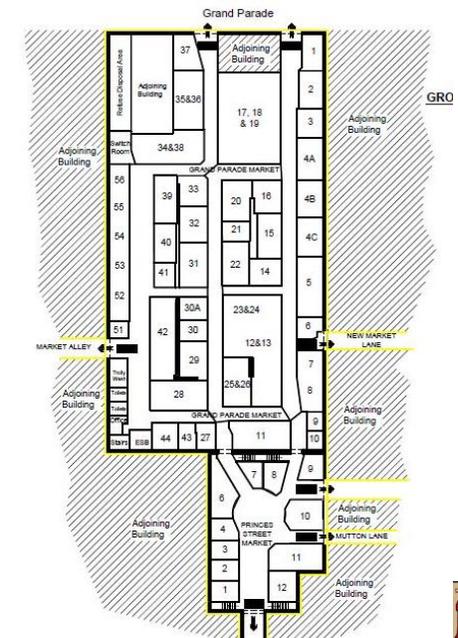
“*So what have we now? The old versus the new? The small trader against the speculator? ... What shall it be? A barren ultra-modern building devoid of atmosphere and sensitivity, or an entity with its own intrinsic values and credibility that has withstood the test of time for centuries*”

- Cork Post, 23 Jan 1973



About the market

- 52 trading units operated by 43 traders
- Operates 6 days a week from 8am until 6pm
- Most traders have a 21 year lease with the City Council
- It is primarily a produce market, with meat, fish and veg and other groceries still the core of the traders
- The Market and it's Traders have constantly evolved and embraced new food trends e.g. vegan, organic, international produce
- Majority are family run and owner operated
- Many traders are multigenerational tenants.



Start-up stall @ the English Market

- Unique opportunity for local food producers / start-up traders to 'test' their product at the iconic English Market
- The start-up stall is 175 sq ft and designed and fitted out to the highest standard.
- Available for short-term let (from 6 weeks to 6 months).
- Easy-in, easy-out terms – a simple license agreement which covers all costs – rent, market service charges (which includes waste removal), commercial rates and utilities.
- Licence fee of approx. €200 per week.
- Potential to move to a permanent stall if the venture is successful.



The Coal Quay Market



Operates in the historic Coal Quay area on a Saturday morning from 8 am til 2pm

Permitted products are locally produced foods that are grown, reared, caught, produced or processed by the stallholder and are of high quality.

Focus on primary produce such as meat, veg, fruit, cheese.

Locally produced arts and crafts which are of high quality

Approx 30 traders at any time.

Low barriers to entry for producers –

- annual fee per pitch is €330 (paid quarterly)
- Additional fee (€192) for electricity, if required/available
- Food traders require HSE registration
- Public Liability and employers liability insurance required
- Simple application form

Preserving the ethos of the markets...



Community Food Growing & allotments..

- City Council has allotment schemes at the Regional Park at Ballincollig (85) and at Churchfield (52) where individuals can apply for an annual licence approx. €100 for a plot.
- Green Spaces for Health; a Healthy Ireland Funded Programme.
- Led by an interagency steering Group including Cork Healthy Cities, UCC, Cork City Council, HSE, community partners.
- Good relationships built with Cork City Council led to the development of five food growing community gardens.
- In 5 public Parks; Clashduv; Togher, Murphy's Farm; Bishopstown, Douglas Community Park, and Park Eoin in the city centre
- Funded by Healthy Ireland, Cork City Council, Cork Healthy Cities and HSE



Community park gardens

- The garden projects began pre covid but grew in popularity during the pandemic
- The gardens are grounded in community development principals with local community volunteers & committees developing health & wellbeing initiatives



Togher Community Garden

Saturday Sowers back tomorrow July 29th from 10am till 1pm. Light Garden Work involved. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Togher Community Garden
Childrens cooking classes

Wednesday's August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th runs from 12 till 2pm 8 to 14yr old's

Places are limited so early booking is essential, Dm for details.

FREE PARKING | FREE LUNCH | KIDS FUN ON SMOOTHIE BIKE



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A few numbers..

- Healthy Ireland €105,000 over 3.5 years to the Green Spaces For Health Initiative (coordinators post)
- Currently twenty four community gardens and allotments in the city with varying levels of linking with Green space for health & City Council
- Cork City Council funding through Parks and recreation dept
- Outcomes -
 - Food Gardens lead to an increase in bio diversity in city areas
 - Increase use of park areas for growing, learning, community meetings
 - “A Sustainable Food Garden for Cork”
- An area that can be used to create a sustainable food system to feed the city is being explored by Cork Food Policy Council
- Currently developing a business case to try to secure EU funding



Thank you



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