

Connect Here Guide to Cooking Skills Classes and Food Pantries in Edinburgh



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Cooking Classes

Fresh Start

28-30 Ferry Road Drive
Edinburgh EH4 4BR

T: 0131 476 7741

E: cooking@freshstartweb.org.uk

W: <https://www.freshstartweb.org.uk/what-we-do/cooking-classes>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/fresh.start.edinburgh/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/FreshStartWeb>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/fresh.start.scotland/>

YT: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRRXLC7kzEk4uvphmtoHISA>

Summary: Fresh Start offers a range of cooking classes, from beginners to improvers, bespoke groups and taster sessions, community meals and projects that focus on learning to cook at home (Dish of the Day and Saturday Night Suppers).

Cooking Skills - EH4

Leonard Chesire Cooking Group

The Rannoch Community Education Centre
6 Rannoch Terrace
Edinburgh EH4 7ES

T: 0131 339 5351

Opening Hours: Thursday 11.00am-1.15pm

E: CLD-Rannoch@ea.edin.sch.uk

FB: https://www.facebook.com/RannochCommunityCentre/?locale=en_GB

Summary: Cooking Classes for the disabled.

Outdoor Cooking Club

Granton Community Garden
10 Wardieburn Rd
Edinburgh EH5 1LY

T: 07518 756 330 (Sally Findlay)

T: 07595 589 343 (Carla Sayers)

Opening Hours: Wednesday 12.00pm

E: sallyfindlay@pchp.org.uk

E: carlasayers@pchp.org.uk

W: <https://www.grantoncommunitygardeners.org/>

Summary: Women's outdoor cooking group making lunch each week using fresh vegetables and herbs from Granton Community Garden followed by a Community Meal. Suitable for all women and mums either with their children or while they are in nursery or school. Meet on Wednesdays at 12pm to cook, and then we all eat at 2pm, outdoors in Granton Community Garden.

Cooking Skills

Cooking Skills Courses

Cyrenians - Flavour and Haver Cook School
Bonnington Business Centre
84-86 Jane Street
Edinburgh EH6 5HG

T: 0131 554 3900

Opening Hours: Monday 11.00am–2.00pm, Tuesday 11.00am–2.00pm, Wednesday 11.00am–2.00pm, Thursday 2.30pm–5.30pm

E: admin@cyrenians.scot

W: <https://cyrenians.scot/how-we-help/142-cooking-skills-courses>

Summary: The Cyrenian's purpose-built community kitchen is home to several courses to help break down the barriers around creating good quality, nutritious meals. At their community cook school, based on Jane Street in Leith, they are acutely aware of the power of food; from the nutritious elements of a balanced diet to the joy and love shared over a hand-crafted meal. Their food education courses help take the mystery out of meal prepping, planning and budgeting, helping create lifelong skills and friends too.

Cooking Club

Sandy's Community Centre
76 Craigmillar Castle Avenue
Edinburgh EH16 4DW

T: 0131 661 4046

T: 07504 627 853 (Karin Chipulina)

Opening Hours: Thursday 11.00am-1.30pm

E: sandyscommunitycentre@gmail.com

E: karinchipulina@carrgomm.org

W: <http://sandyscommunitycentre.com/index.php>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Sandys-Community-Centre/100067153361360/>

Summary: Learn cooking skills by helping to prepare the meal, or just come along for the food and blether with others. Creche facility is available Cost £1. This is a mixed group with many people bringing their support workers with them and others coming from the community to help. They have a Whatsapp group so they can keep in touch with recipes and photos. Booking is essential, see above for booking details. Referrals are welcome but people can self-refer.

Their funders prefer people from EH15/16/17 areas. Cost £1 per week.

Food Pantry

Shrub Coop Zero Waste Hub

22 Bread Street
Edinburgh EH3 9AF

T: 0131 281 0583

Opening Hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 11.00am–6.00pm Sunday 11.00am–4.00pm

E: hello@shrubcoop.org

W: <https://www.shrubcoop.org/food-sharing>

Summary: Food sharing hub, pay as you feel

Fresh Start Pantry

26-28 Ferry Road Drive
Edinburgh EH4 4BR

T: 0131 476 7741

Opening Hours: Monday 9.00am–12.30pm, Tuesday 9.00am–12.30pm, Wednesday 3.30pm-6.00pm, Friday 9.00am–12.30pm

E: pantry@freshstartweb.org.uk

W: <https://www.freshstartweb.org.uk/what-we-do/pantry>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/fresh.start.edinburgh/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/FreshStartWeb>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/fresh.start.scotland/>

YT: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRRXLC7kzEk4uvphmtoHISA>

Summary: A community food club providing the people of North Edinburgh with access to affordable food with dignity in a welcoming and safe environment via a membership system. Fresh Start Shop, housed in the same building, offers affordable, quality homeware items to members of the public. Click on the links above for more information including how to join.

Food Pantry

Pennwell Pantry

Community Renewal
31-33 Pennywell Road
Edinburgh EH4 4PJ

T: 0131 332 8773

Opening Hours: Wednesday 10.00am–2.00pm, Thursday 10.00am–2pm, Friday 10.00am–2.00pm, Saturday 10.00am–1.00pm

E: pennywellpantry@communityrenewal.org.uk

W: <https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/find-a-pantry/pennywell-pantry/>

Summary: Enrolled members can choose a selection of food with a value of £15–£20 each week. weekly membership £4.50 (singles and couples), £6 families; application form at pantry. Click on the links above for more information including how to join.

Granton Community Hub - Community Pantry

Madelvic House
Granton
Edinburgh EH5 1HS

Opening Hours: Fortnightly Wednesday 11.00am–12.00pm

E: community@grantonhub.org

W: <https://grantonhub.org/2020/05/14/community-pantry/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/madelviccommunity/?form=MY01SV&OCID=MY01SV>

Tw: https://twitter.com/granton_hub

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/grantonhub/>

Summary: Granton Hub Community Pantry provides free provision of fresh food. Click on the links above for additional information.

Food Pantry

Edinburgh Leith Pantry

South Leith Parish Church
Constitution Street
Edinburgh EH6 6BJ

T: 07551 592 218 (Ann)

Opening Hours: Thursday 9.15am-1.15pm

E: leithpantry@gmail.com

W: <https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/pantry-listings/edinburgh-leith-pantry/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/YLP-Leith-Pantry-106582868809325/>

Summary: The Leith Pantry is open on Thursday mornings to people living in the EH6 and EH7 postcodes. The pantry is currently closed to new members.

Hibernian Foundation Pantry

Hibernians West Stand entrance (next to the Hibs Gift Shop)
Edinburgh EH7 5QG

T: 0131 554 3900

Opening Hours: Wednesday 12.30am-2.00pm

E: LisaAnderson@cyrenians.scot

W: <https://cyrenians.scot/events/community-events/50-hibernian-foundation-pantry>

Summary: Cyrenian pantries are membership based. There is a £1 membership fee payable at your first visit, then £2 per shop for a wide variety of items. Membership is limited at each location.

Food Pantry

Ripple Project - Pantry

198 Restalrig Road South
Edinburgh EH7 6DZ

T: 0131 554 3900

Opening Hours: Alternate Wednesdays 10.00am–11.00am

E: LisaAnderson@cyrenians.scot

W: <https://cyrenians.scot/events/community-events/9-the-ripple-project-pantry>

Summary: This Community Pantry is in collaboration with FareShare and the Cyrenians and requires registration to join but once a member, pick up 10 food items of choice for £2. Click on the links above for more information including how to join.

Braidwood Centre

The Crannie
Edinburgh EH8 8BE

T: 0131 554 3900

Opening Hours: Friday 10.00am–11.00am

E: LisaAnderson@cyrenians.scot

W: <https://cyrenians.scot/events/community-events/26-the-braidwoods-centre-pantry>

Summary: The pantry is membership based with prices starting at £1 per 10 items. A one-off £1 joining fee is applicable on your first visit - membership is limited at each location.

Food Pantry

St Brides Food Pantry

St Brides Community Centre
10 Orwell Terrace
Edinburgh EH11 2DZ

T: 0131 554 3900

Opening Hours: Monday 10.00am-11.30am

E: LisaAnderson@cyrenians.scot

W: <https://cyrenians.scot/events/community-events/51-st-brides-centre-pantry>

Summary: Cyrenian Community Pantries offer a unique, low cost way to access a variety of foods, including chilled and fresh produce, and ambient cupboard staples. Our Community Pantries offer a unique, low cost way to access a variety of foods, including chilled and fresh produce, and ambient cupboard staples. There is currently a waiting list for new members. (December 2023)

Broomhouse Pantry

3 Broomhouse Market
Edinburgh EH11 3UU

T: 0131 443 6223

Opening Hours: Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 10.00am-2.00pm, Friday 9:30am-11.30am

E: broomhousepantry@gmail.com

W: <https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/pantry-listings/edinburgh-broomhouse-pantry/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/YLPBroomhousePantry/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/ylpbroomhouse>

Summary: This pantry was set up to provide affordable and nutritious food to local residents, who as members will be able to choose a selection of food with a value of £15–£20 each week. The pantry is here to help top up weekly shops and the variety of food available includes fresh fruit and veg, store cupboard favourites, bread and dairy products. To become a member, click on the links above. Weekly membership £4.00.

Food Pantry

Edinburgh Sunflower Pantry

Clovenstone Community Centre
54 Clovenstone Park
Edinburgh EH14 3EY

T: 07754 713920

Opening Hours: Tuesday 9.30am-1.30pm

E: catherine@westerhailesgrowing.org

W: <https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/pantry-listings/edinburgh-sunflower-pantry/>

Summary: For just £4.50 each week local residents can join up as members and access a whole range of benefits. Members are able to choose a guaranteed 10 items from a huge variety of groceries, fresh fruit and veg plus all the usual store cupboard favourites.

Greenhouse Pantry

64 Niddrie Mains Road
Edinburgh EH16 4BG

T: 07754 713 920

Opening Hours: Thursday 10.00am–2.00pm

E: catherine@communityalliancetrust.org.uk

W: <https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/pantry-listings/edinburgh-greenhouse-pantry/>

Summary: Members of this pantry are able to access food including fresh fruit and vegetables and store cupboard favourites that will often value £20. Membership is open to the community and local families are strongly encouraged to join. Weekly subscription: £4.50. Click on the links above for more information including how to join.

Greenhouse Pantry is currently not accepting new members online but those interested in membership are invited to visit the Pantry during opening hours to speak to the team.

Food Pantry

The Hays Community Pantry

Castle Rock Edinvar
3 Hay Avenue
Edinburgh EH16 4RW

T: 07738 760 601

Opening Hours: Wednesday 11.00am–2.00pm (excluding holidays)

E: pantry@community.org.uk

W: <https://stayhappening.com/e/the-hays-community-pantry-E2ISTLGHPNR>

Summary: A choice of preferred food is available and by buying produce at the pantry, this will assist on providing more food for the local community at low prices. One-off membership price: £1 Click on the links above or just come down when the pantry is open, and a few details will be collected prior to shopping.

Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre

5 Moredunvale Place
Edinburgh EH17 7LB

T: 0131 554 3900

Opening Hours: Wednesday 1.00pm–3.00pm

E: LisaAnderson@cyrenians.scot

W: <https://cyrenians.scot/events/community-events/8-goodtrees-neighbourhood-centre-pantry>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/goodtreesnc1/>

Summary: Community Pantries offer a unique, low-cost way to access a variety of foods, including chilled and fresh produce, and ambient cupboard staples. Their pantries are membership based. There is a £1 membership fee payable at your first visit, then £2 per shop for a wide variety of items. Membership is limited at each location. There is currently a waiting list for new members.

Food Pantry

Valley Park Community Centre

37 Southhouse Road
Edinburgh EH17 8EU

T: 0131 554 3900

Opening Hours: Thursday 10.00am-11.00am

E: LisaAnderson@cyrenians.scot

W: <https://cyrenians.scot/events/community-events/39-valley-park-community-centre-pantry>

Summary: Our pantries are membership based. There is a £1 membership fee payable at your first visit, then £2 per shop for a wide variety of items. Membership is limited at each location. There is currently a waiting list for new members.