

Planning for a food commons in Northern Ireland

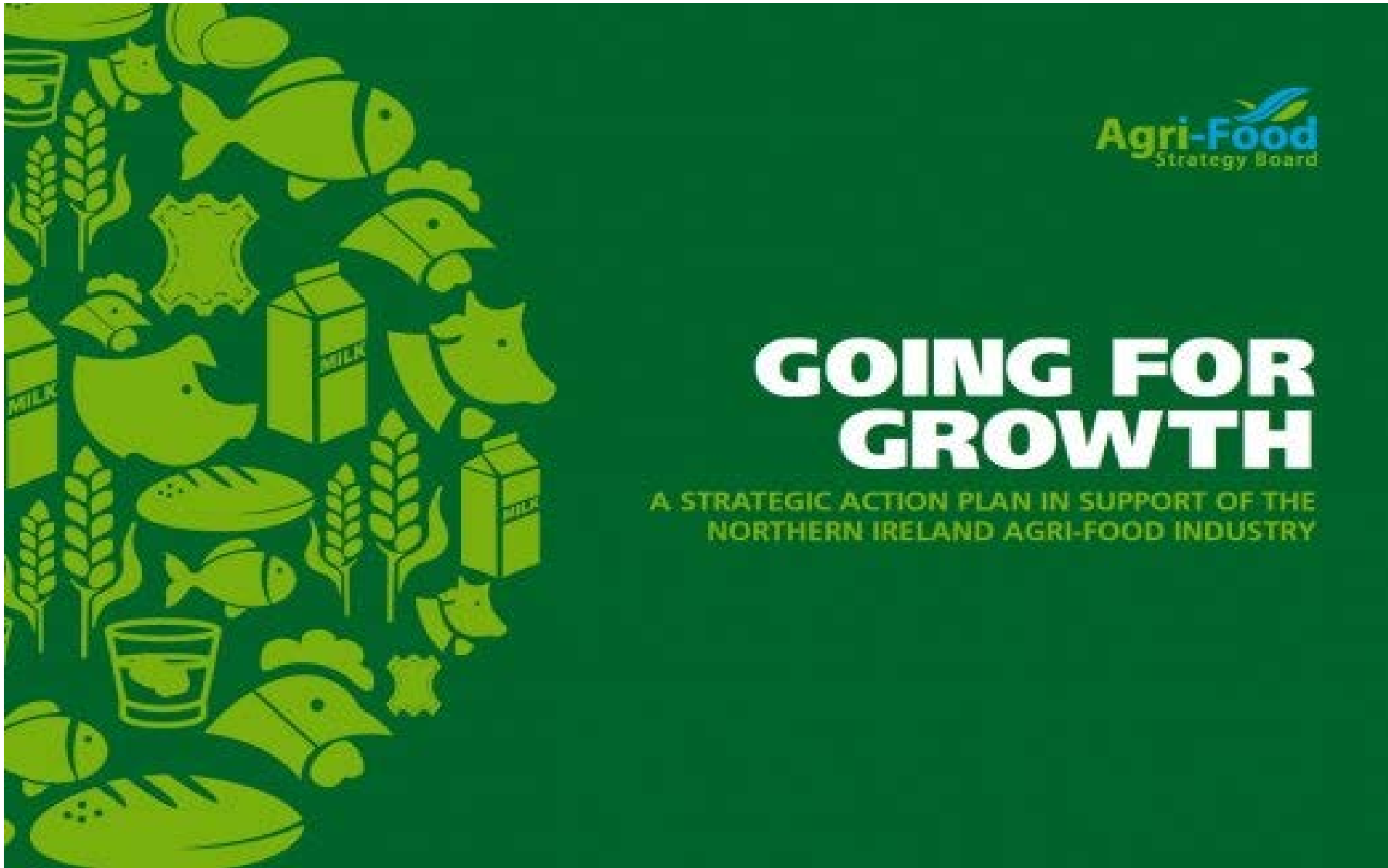
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- Northern Irish Foodscape
- Food as a Commons
- Community Planning





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A STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN IN SUPPORT OF THE
NORTHERN IRELAND AGRI-FOOD INDUSTRY



Trussell Trust Food Parcels Handed Out in Northern Ireland

2012	2015	2017
1,987	25,755	32,433

Source: Trussell Trust (<https://www.trusselltrust.org/news-and-blog/latest-stats/end-year-stats/#fy-2012-2013>)

Towards a Food Commons?



From open pasture to collective resource governance
Elinor Ostrom (1990) *Governing the Commons*

Reflexive Governance



Food as a commons

Normative claims (Vivero Pol, 2015)

- *More than commodity*
- *Commoning*
- *Role of Government*

Community Planning Context

- Statutory duty - NI Local Government Act 2014
- Linked to development plan
- Duty to consult

Potential benefits of Community Planning

- Sustainable Development
- Partnership & co-production

Challenges

- Lack of food-specific language
- No food-specific partners
- Time & resource pressures
- Limited reference to food in first plans

Conclusion

- Food as a commons alternative to corporate food
- Community Planning as possible hook
- Institutional & legislative challenges
- Further research on impact of community planning needed

Thank you!

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