

Covid-19

FOOD SERVICES IN

TOWER HAMLETS

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FOOD SUPPORT

FOOD BANKS

Drop-in/Open access:

Bethnal Green and Bow Food Banks

Bethnal Green:

Wednesdays 2-7pm at Raine's Foundation School, Approach Road, E2 9LY.

Contact bethnalgreenfoodbank@gmail.com @BethnalFoodbank

Bow:

Mondays 8.30-12.30 at the Bromley by Bow Centre, E3 3BT. Entrance through the park on Bruce Road or St.Leonards Street.

Contact info@bowfoodbank.org 07934 734603 (call or text) @bowfoodbank

Neighbours in Poplar, St Matthias Community Centre, 113 Poplar High St, Poplar, E14 0AE. Open every day 10am-1pm. Walk-in service, though helpful if people call with requests for support.

Contact 020 7987 0257 @Nip_Poplar

Osmani Centre, 58 Underwood Road, London, E1 5AW. Open Wednesdays 12-3pm.

Contact 020 7247 8080 eet@osmanitrust.org

Salvation Army, Kerbey Street, E14 6AJ. Thursday 10.30-12.30.

Contact David 020 7987 9405

St Dunstan's Food Bank, Stepney High St, London E1 0NR is supporting 40 families and individuals. Open for donations and to collect food Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm and Saturday 10am-3pm.

Contact 020 7702 8685 @DunstanST

St Luke's Food Bank, Alpha Grove, London E14 8LH. Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-12pm. Contact 07810 748534 fuzz@stlukesmillwall.org

Weavers Food Bank COVID-19 Crisis Support Service Weavers Community Centre, 10 Shacklewell Street, Bethnal Green E2 7EG. Thursdays 2-3:30pm
Contact 020 7739 8568 info@weaversforum.org

Area-specific/registration required:

Christ Church, 151 Manchester Rd, Island Gardens, Isle of Dogs, London E14 3DR
Distributing food to vulnerable individuals in the Isle of Dogs via local volunteers.
Contact Fr Tom Pyke 02034884594

Dorset Community Association, Diss Street, London E2 7QX (for residents of Dorset Estate and Columbia Road area). Thursday 2-4pm.
Contact Nazrul 07984 966565

Ensign Youth Club, Wellclose Square(off the Highway), London E1 8HY. Collection Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-1pm. For residents of St Katharine area.
Contact Shafee 07949 573 730/ 020 7702 3340.

Good Shepherd Mission, 17 Three Colts Lane, Bethnal Green, E2 6JL. For individuals and families near Weavers Field in Bethnal Green/Whitechapel.
Mondays 12-2pm. Contact Darren Prince darren.prince@goodshepherdmission.org.uk OR Emily Bennett emily.bennett@goodshepherdmission.org.uk

Jesuit Refugee Service. Supports destitute Asylum Seekers who have had their initial claim for asylum refused and are not entitled to any statutory support
Contact Rhiannon 020 7488 7310, uk@jrs.net

Limehouse Project Food Hub, Burdett Road Unit 419 (Arch), London E3 4AA
Saturdays - Pick from 11am - 2pm and deliveries from 11am - 5pm.
Contact Momina Begum m.begum@limehouseproject.org.uk, 07946 391 570.

Royal Foundation St Katherine's, 2 Butcher Row, Limehouse, London E14 8DS.
Supporting a limited number of families. Contact foodbank@limehouseaid.org for more information.

St George in the East church, 16 Cannon Street Road, Shadwell, E1 0BH. Thursdays 2-4pm for people living in E1 area. Contact 07957 695993 office@stgeorgeintheeast.org

HOT MEALS (walk-in /delivery)

Methodist Church Tower Hamlets, 1 Merchant Street, London E3 4LY. FoodCycle runs a takeaway meal service every Friday 7-8pm.

Neighbours in Poplar, St Matthias Community Centre, 113 Poplar High St, Poplar, E14 0AE delivers hot meals to residents.

St John on Bethnal Green, 200 Cambridge Heath Rd, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PA 'Tuesday Night Bites' hot meal provided every Tuesday 6-7pm.

Whitechapel Mission, 212 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ - serves breakfast Monday-Sunday 6-11am.

Women's Inclusive Team, Mayfield House, 202 Cambridge Heath Road, London, E2 9LJ.

Hot meal Monday to Friday. All meals are Hala. All new members should fill in an [eligibility form](#) if possible. Contact Shakila Ali Shakilaa@wit.org.uk 07458 307355

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRIES

Community food pantries are membership schemes offering weekly discounted food, as well as advice and support. Eligibility differs from service to service - contact individual services for more information.

The Food Store, Limborough House, Burdett Estate, Thomas Rd, London E14 7AW. Provides subsidised food to local residents. Fridays and Saturdays. Referral only. Also doing deliveries for vulnerable residents.

Contact Masoom Ahmed thefoodstoreburdett@outlook.com

Manorfield Primary School running a weekly food pantry offering subsidised food to families. If your child attends Manorfield Primary School and would like to access the Food Pantry, contact the school main reception, or e-mail

admin@manorfield.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Fieldgate Mansions Community Centre, 15 Romford Street, London E1 1HX. Thursdays 10am-12pm. To become a member, you must live or work within 15 minutes of the clubs.

Contact Laura.McHugh@family-action.org.uk for more details.

Cyprus Street Estate, Cyprus Street, Tower Hamlets, London, E20NW. Wednesday 2-4pm. To become a member, you must live or work within 15 minutes of the clubs.

Contact Laura.McHugh@family-action.org.uk for more details.

Women's Inclusive Team, Mayfield House, 202a Cambridge Heath Road, London, E2 9LJ.

Tuesdays 12-2pm. All new members should fill in an [eligibility form](#) if possible. Vulnerable community members can talk to the team about delivery arrangements. WIT operates a food bank service as well. Contact Shakila Ali

Shakilaa@wit.org.uk 07458 307355

FOOD COOPS

St Hilda's Food Coop, 18 Club Row, London E2 7EY. Offers fresh fruit and vegetables at affordable prices to the local community.

Thursdays 11am-3pm. Contact Jenny Jones jenny@sthildas.org.uk

MARKETS

Markets are a great source of low-cost produce, including imported culturally-appropriate fruits and vegetables. The following markets have fruit & veg stalls:

- Stroudley Walk, E3
- Whitechapel Road, E1 (plus fish)
- Watney Street, E1
- Chrisp Street, E14 (plus fish)
- Bethnal Green, E2

HEALTHY START VOUCHERS

Many pregnant women and parents are entitled to the Healthy Start scheme. Families entitled to Healthy Start can get help to buy plain, fresh, frozen, or tinned fruit and vegetables, plain cow's milk, infant formula and fresh or tinned pulses. Beneficiaries of the scheme can also get free Healthy Start vitamins for women and children.

The scheme is changing. Paper applications have been replaced with an online application; and paper vouchers are being replaced with a prepaid card. Everyone must [sign up online](#), including people who already get vouchers.

More information from www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/healthystart

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Children who are eligible for school meals are entitled to either a meal or vouchers to purchase food while schools are closed for most children due to Covid-19. Contact your school to find out what they are doing.

Your children are eligible for free school meals if their parents [receives certain benefits](#) or are unable to receive benefits and are struggling financially. Contact your school if you think your children need free school meals and they will try to help you.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

COMMUNITY HUBS

Support services, including picking up shopping/ medication; a friendly phone call; weekly activity pack with word searches, crosswords; and cooking and delivering a meal:

Burdett FC - delivering medication, food and other essentials or support to high-risk or vulnerable families in the Burdett area. Contact 07930 983651

Neighbours in Poplar - contact 020 7987 0257 nip65@msn.com

St Hilda's East referral only – contact Tower Hamlets Homes Support Line for more info 020 7364 5015

Darul Ummah Hub, 56 Bigland St, Shadwell E1 2ND - mainly for Tower Hamlets Homes residents but trying to accommodate other residents. They are seeking donations - [info here](#)

MUTUAL AID FACEBOOK GROUPS

Covid-19 Mutual Aid Bow (E3):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/643367883166920>

Royal Docks COVID-19 Mutual Aid:

<https://www.facebook.com/RoyalVictoriaDocksCovid19>

Tower Hamlets Covid19 Community Support:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2740546326063053/>

There is a [searchable list](#) of ward/neighbourhood/estate/street level Facebook/What's App groups.

HOW TO HELP

DONATE

Bow Food Bank needs funds to purchase additional food to meet growing demand caused by COVID-19. It is also accepting donations of food on Sundays 12:30 – 3:00 pm and Mondays 9:00 – 12:30 pm. See their [list of popular items](#) and keep checking their [website](#) for updates.

First Love Foundation needs donations of **non-perishable** food items and toiletries. The warehouse is open for food donations on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am – 12pm and 2pm – 4pm.** [More details.](#) Or [donate funds.](#)

St Dunstan’s Food Bank accepts food. List of [most needed items](#) on their website. [Donate funds](#) via Paypal.

Women’s Inclusive Team is providing grocery shopping and hot food to Afghanistan refugees. Help them do more by [donating.](#)

VOLUNTEER

[Tower Hamlets Volunteer Centre](#) has a variety of roles to support the local community during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Women’s Inclusive Team are running a [food delivery and community assistance service](#) and are looking for volunteers.

Wen (Women's Environmental Network)

20 Club Row, London, E2 7EY

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