



ASSIST Facilities Management

SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITY

STREET
FOOD

COMPETITION 2026

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INTRODUCTION

Street food has seen a surge in popularity in the last few years across Scotland and it is no wonder why — it offers customers restaurant-quality meals at great and convenient prices.

We all know senior pupils like to leave school at lunchtime so why not try to meet them in the middle.

Kiosks in schools, outdoor venues, and pop-up services can add value to the school lunch offering. This year ASSIST FM will be running its annual 'Street Food Competition'.

We all know our teams are passionate about food. If you are interested, there has never been a better time to set up your grab-and-go and highlight a dish that could be used in our Secondary School meals that are innovative, healthy, appetising and allows our young people the affordability of great food.



Nicky Joiner
ASSIST FM National Chair

REQUIREMENTS

Under the Healthy Eating in Schools Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in (Scotland) Regulations 2020, each entry is to create a recipe that would meet the standards required for our Secondary School menu, use innovative ways of service, healthy, tasty, can be vegan, vegetarian or meat-based, sustainability and environment should be taken into consideration or showcase the versatility of the dish to meet all tastes

We are looking for one recipe from each authority. Our panel of judges will choose the top three to be presented on the Middleton stand on Thursday 15th May 2026 at The Crowne Plaza.

Please take part - all we are looking for is the recipe for a grab-and-go dish that you may already be producing.

This is a great opportunity to share ideas and showcase the professionalism and diversity of our staff's skills, so please apply, encourage your staff to take part and show off your creativity.

Rules

Each Competitor will be invited to submit a paper recipe that will be paper judged based on the below criteria:

- Two portions of Street Food Style to your own specifications, this can be either fish based, meat based, or vegetarian based.
- Entries should include a good flair of taste, texture and colours
- Costings for the dish should not exceed £1.50 and these costings should be submitted along at the same time as the recipes
- Dishes should showcase their own authentic style served in a traditional style setting and in their own street style containers.

The shortlisted competitors will be asked to cook at the conference, starting 2pm and they will have approximately 45 mins to cook and serve the two dishes (one dish for tasting to the judges and one for photographing)

Only three finalists can cook on the day of the conference, so the closing date for entering this competition is **23rd February 2026** this is when the paper judging will take place, and the winning three entrees will be notified for them to cook and serve on the day of the conference.

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Return this form to the **Scottish Local Authority Street Food**
Competition organisers by:
23rd February 2026 to assistfm@dewberryredpoint.co.uk

Organisation:

Nominee:

Contact:

Mobile Telephone Number:

Address:

Post Code:

Recipe