

Policy on Donations

Veggies Catering Campaign is a vegan worker's co-operative supporting campaigns for animals, people and planet since 1984. We are a worker's co-operative and employ some essential paid members of staff for mail order, accountancy, admin and day-to-day operational tasks. On events all Veggies crew members attend on a purely voluntary basis. We operate the co-operative on a **not-for-profit** basis, and regularly make donations from our funds to charities and organisations that we have collectively decided upon. Furthermore we frequently share and donate resources and equipment to other groups.

In addition to regular charitable donations and sharing of resources, we also sometimes volunteer our time, food and takings to certain events that we particularly wish to support.

In these specific instances Veggies shall:

- * Communicate to the organiser that Veggies are there purely to volunteer time, equipment and food in support of the cause.
- * Operate on a purely 'food by donation' basis, with no fixed pricing.
- * Have signage up that conveys to the customer that their food is available by donation, including for free, and also that this donation will be given to the organiser/cause.
- * Give all takings to the organiser directly at the end of the event. If the organiser wishes to donate a proportion back to us to directly cover the costs of us attending the event then we can accept this. The costs that are taken into account are food/drink cost price, transportation costs and other resources such as gas usage. As everyone attends Veggies events on a voluntary basis there are no staffing costs involved in events and we will therefore not accept any financial contribution towards this.

The events that we serve Veggies food at on a purely 'by donation' basis shall be decided case-by-case after discussion amongst crew. The events **may** include, but are not limited to:

- * Local vegan-run animal rescue open days.
- * Local grassroots campaign marches/rallies/protests that have overheads for the event and do not make a profit.
- * Local grassroots events which do not have overheads but which Veggies wishes to provide accessible food at due to the attending demographic. An example of this is demonstrations at detention centres where many protesters attending may be asylum seekers on low income.
- * National grassroots campaigns that Veggies is involved with on an ongoing basis such as anti-war or animal rights camps.

Veggies will not normally provide food on a 'by donation' basis at events that are organised by national organisations or charities with an income. Veggies will also not operate on a 'by donation' basis at events that we have had to pay a fee to attend, as in this instance we have more overheads to cover.