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New surplus food takeaway service launches in Leeds

Leeds food lovers are taking advantage of the opportunity to enjoy delicious restaurant food at discounted prices thanks to a new UK anti-food waste social enterprise which launched last week.

'Too Good To Go' - a new takeaway service dedicated to cutting the amount of edible food thrown away by restaurants - launched its app and website on Monday 30th May and has been making food which would otherwise be wasted available as meals at partner eateries such as Peachy Keens, Wolf Street Food and Greasy Pig.

The app, which is available for free download through Apple and Android app stores now, connects eateries with excess food to customers who can place orders to collect it at a reduced price. Restaurants, portions available and prices are listed on the app and the customer then makes a purchase, presents a receipt at the designated pick up time and fills an eco-friendly 'Too Good To Go' biodegradable takeaway box with the food on offer.

Chris Wilson, co-founder of TGTG UK, said: "600,000 tonnes of food is wasted by restaurants each year, whilst it is estimated that one-third of all the food produced worldwide doesn't even make it as far as a plate. When you think about the impact of such waste on the environment, as well as the fact that over one million UK residents were in receipt of emergency food parcels last year, it just doesn't make sense for so much edible produce to be thrown away. We're aiming to place the lost value back onto food as something which belongs in bellies, not bins - all while helping local restaurants and businesses to thrive."

He continues: "Too Good To Go provides an easily usable interface through which restaurants and consumers can both benefit. Users have access to delicious food at more affordable prices whilst restaurants can make a profit on food they would otherwise throw in the bin. Both win, but perhaps most importantly, so does our planet. Research conducted by the United Nations has shown that if food waste were a country, it would be the world's third largest emitter of greenhouse gases. It's high time we work towards ending this."

Too Good To Go has arrived at a time when food waste is high on the agenda of both environmental and social justice issues. Nationally, 2.3 million UK children live in poverty, whilst 10,570 tonnes of food were given out to people in crisis between 2015-16. Damning facts for our environmental sustainability and food waste have also started to present themselves in mainstream discourse. For example, eating the amount of wasted produce – that is, the edible safe-to-eat food that goes to landfill each year - would equate to taking 1 in 4 cars off of the road in terms of reduced carbon dioxide emissions.

As well as cutting down waste to help the environment the TGTG team have integrated a 'Pay-It-Forward' scheme into the app, allowing users to donate meals to those in need for as little

as £1. This is already proving popular with users who appreciate a venture of such social and environmental standing embracing their community.

Sandeep, head of the popular Leeds restaurant Peachy Keens, is one of the first in the city to join the TGTG movement.

He said: "No chef enjoys throwing away the unsold food they have spent so much time so lovingly preparing. Partnering with Too Good To Go gives us the opportunity to ensure that what we cook ends up in its rightful place - with customers, and not in bins. The environmental benefits that result from reducing the amount of food sent to landfill are an added but very important bonus, whilst TGTG's social goals also resonate very strongly with us."

Wolf Street Food, Sesame Salad Bar, Chopstix, Bubble Tea and Rancho are just some of the other Brighton eateries also signed up to the social enterprise.

Users can join Too Good To Go on their journey to #tastenotwaste by downloading the app now.

Too Good To Go has also launched in Brighton, and has London and Manchester next in its sights with over 130 restaurants signed up so far nationwide.

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Notes to Editors

1. Too Good To Go was Co-Founded in the UK by Christopher Wilson and Jamie Crummie. Both graduated from University of Leeds in 2014 and have gone on to pursue ventures relating to international business ethics, human rights, and social justice.
2. Restaurants currently signed up to TGTG in Leeds are: Bubble Tea; Caffe Latte; Chopstix; Casa Colombiana; Greasy Pig; Grounds for Appeal; Home: China Home Made Cuisine; Istanbul Grill; Le Chalet; Nazam's; Oranaise; Peachy Keens; Popinas; Rancho; Sesame Salad Bar and Wolf Street Food;