

# PIE MASH mutual aid

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## GET INVOLVED

Everyone at Pie N Mash is a member of the community and shares their time freely. The more people involved the more we can achieve.

To learn more or get involved, fill in the application form on our website, or contact us.

## FUNDING NEWS

In April we got awarded £200 from the Lidl Community fund and £1000 from the Arnold Clark Community Fund. This will keep us going for 2 months and is much appreciated! If you want to donate to us - see below.

## DONATE

We always welcome financial support - we'll take cash or you can donate via our website or this QR code:



The Pie N Mash stall can be found in Deptford every Thursday 3pm-4.30pm. Come say hi and have a cup of tea! Or help out!

## COMMUNITY CARE IN DEPTFORD SQUARE

Every Thursday afternoon for over two years we've had a community presence in Deptford - usually in Library Square and sometimes in Margaret McMillan Park on nice days. We have free food, hot drinks, meals and sometimes clothes. Often after food distribution, we'll have a community meeting. At a meeting in May 2022, we agreed our new community care agreement:

1. We are all **equal**. There are no leaders. We are a team.
2. We welcome people of all races, nationalities, religion, genders, sexuality, ages, abilities. **Everybody**.
3. We want everyone to feel comfortable at the square. If you are not sure of someone's **gender** please ask them respectfully. For example: what are your pronouns?
4. Conflict happens but we can resolve it by **talking to each other** without being violent or using hurtful language.
5. **Consent** is important. Everyone has different **boundaries** and things they are comfortable with. Please ask for someone's consent before touching them or discussing sensitive topics and respect their answer.
6. We like the idea of people photographing and documenting our community! But please always ask first

## EVENTS

### COMMUNITY KITCHEN FRIDAYS

On Friday nights at The Field there is a pay what you can meal. Come from 5.30 to help cook or from 6.30 to eat and hang out.

### THE FIELD BOOK CLUB

All are welcome to The Field on Thursday 30 June. From 6pm there will be a community meal and from 7pm we'll be discussing the 'commitment' chapter of *Rewriting the Rules* by Meg-John Barker. Resources can be found at: <https://piemash.org.uk/the-field-book-club>

## LEWISHAM ANTI-RAIDS

Lewisham Anti-Raids is a new group building community resistance against immigration raids in our area. We alert each other to raids and spread knowledge about what we can do and what our rights are when we face or spot one.

We're organising a free anti-raids training, dinner and music evening on the 13th June, 6pm at Avalon Café. Everyone welcome!

Or come find us at our monthly stalls on Deptford Market! Next date: 18th June from noon to 2pm.

If immigration officers come to your home or work...

- \* You do not have to answer any questions
- \* You do not need to let them in; unless they have a warrant or assistant directors letter or your business is licensed to sell alcohol
- \* Try to leave if you are not under arrest

If you see a raid and it's safe for you to stay...

- \* Make sure people know they don't have to answer any questions and can leave
- \* If they want to leave, walk away with them
- \* Film immigration officers and police
- \* Challenge the officers: why are they questioning specific people?
- \* Get the word out! Tell people around you what is happening and message Lewisham Anti-Raids

Email: [lewishamantiraidsgmail.com](mailto:lewishamantiraidsgmail.com)

Twitter: @Lewisham\_AR

Instagram: @lewisham\_anti\_raids

You can find this information in 25 other languages on [antiraid.net](http://antiraid.net).



## ABOUT US

Pie N Mash began as a squatted cafe in Deptford and has branched out to become a neighbourhood-wide organisation that has provided food for many across south-east London through the Covid crisis. We run food distribution stalls in both Peckham and Deptford each week, as well as providing a delivery and collection service from our base at The Field for those struggling to make ends meet. We also host reading groups, gardening days, and exciting community events.

## ABOUT MUTUAL AID

Mutual Aid is the idea that, in a world of competition, co-operation is the key to our survival. Instead of relying on charity, we are people from our local neighbourhood coming together to meet our immediate needs in a non-hierarchical and directly-democratic way. We do so to build relationships that allow us to explore and challenge the structures that oppress us, and build and create toward better futures for everyone.



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