

# THE AWARDS 2020

## Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community

<b>Institution name</b>	De Montfort University
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	The Holiday Food programme
<b>Nominee/key personnel</b>	
<b>URL</b>	
<b>Submission</b>	<p>One in five children in Leicester worries about having enough to eat, according to a Leicester City Council survey, and 41.3% live in poverty, with this rising to 62% in central areas. This makes the school summer holidays a difficult time for many vulnerable and low-income families without access to free school meals.</p> <p>This led to the Holiday Food programme being established by Leicester City Council, food surplus charity FareShare and De Montfort University Leicester (DMU), to provide at least one meal a day for children during the summer holidays. In 2019, FareShare provided food to 21 venues, where 33,056 meals were given to 1,775 children, with DMU staff and students providing a quarter of the total 1,847 volunteer days.</p>