

Food for Thought

An appetite for catering for special dietary requirements – IDDSI and Allergens.

**EAST & WEST
JOINT MIDLANDS
REGIONAL EVENT**

EVENT PROGRAMME AM

9.30–9.45am | Arrival

Coffee, Tea, Pastries and Fruit Skewers. Exhibition.

9.45–10am | Welcome

Chairs – Simon Parry, East Midlands and Lorna Hicks, West Midlands, Julian Fisher, Head of Marketing, Parts Town UK.

10–10.20am | Pre-Recorded LACA Update

Michael Hales, LACA National Chair

10.20–10.50am | IDDSI

Preston Walker, OHK.

10.55–11.25am | Presentation & Tasting

Carbon Reduction Dishes – Kate Snow, Senior Home Economist, Quorn PRO, and Zoe Gill, Sector Development Chef, Brakes.

11.25–11.50am | Food Tasting

Coffee, Tea, Exhibition and Networking.

**THURSDAY 16TH
OCTOBER 2025**

PM

11.50–12.10pm | Special Diets

Catering for Special Dietary Requirements in SEND and Mainstream Schools – Mike Tafft, Catering Operations Manager, Telford & Wrekin Council.

12.15–12.45pm | Presentation & Tasting

Ross Clarkson, Assistant Development Chef and Jules Robinson, Business Manager, McCain Foods.

12.45–1.40pm | Food Tasting & Demos

Buffet lunch, Exhibition, Equipment Demos MKN and Rational Kitchens, and Networking.

1.40–2.40pm | IDDSI Meal Workshop

Preston Walker and Simon Parry.

2.40–3.20pm | Allergens Update

Natasha Research Fund, Tanya and Nadim Ednan-Laperouse, LACA Ambassadors.

3.20–3.35pm | Free Prize Draw

Close of the Day

VENUE: PARTS TOWN UK, LAKESIDE, BLAKENEY WAY, CANNOCK, WS11 8LD.