

ROOTS & ROUTES

Food, Memory, Migration, Heritage

Exploring the journeys that shape what we eat, remember and pass on.



LINE UP

FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026

The Screening Room, Alexander Building, Thornlea, University of Exeter

Tickets: <https://www.dua.org.uk/events/taste>

TIME	SESSION
19:00–21:00	<p>Taste of Freedom – (Ukraine, 2024) A contemporary fictional film inspired by a unique Ukrainian cookbook. Directed by Oleksandr Berezan and starring Iryna Kudashova, Irma Vitovska, and Tomasz Sobczak.</p> <p>The film follows a young cook who runs away to pursue her dream of becoming a chef at a prestigious restaurant in the city of Lviv. When she stumbles upon a cookbook from 1929, authored by the legendary chef Olha Franko, her life takes an unexpected turn.</p>

SATURDAY 20 JUNE 2026

Thirty Four, Exeter College, Exeter

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An exploration of how food shapes identity, preserves memory, supports entrepreneurship and builds stronger communities across Devon.

Programme, speakers and timings subject to change.

TIME	SESSION
10:30–11:00	Arrival, Coffee & Marketplace – Community stalls, food producers, heritage seed displays, books and networking.
11:00–11:15	Welcome – Devon Ukrainian Association, Diverse Devon Together, Exeter Food Network, Ukrainian Business Club and partners.
11:15–12:00	Vadym Granovskiy , award-winning Ukrainian specialty coffee entrepreneur, barista champion, and founder of the Kyiv-based coffee company <i>Coffee in Action</i> – <i>Flat Red: Coffee, Cultural Diplomacy & Ukrainian Identity</i> . (Tasting during lunchtime)
12:00–12:45	In Conversation with Olia Hercules , acclaimed London-based Ukrainian chef, award-winning food writer, and humanitarian activist. – <i>Strong Roots: Food, Memory & Belonging</i> followed by audience Q&A.
12:45–13:45	Lunch, Marketplace & Book Signing – Meet speakers, producers and community organisations. Flat Red tasting.
13:45–14:45	Food Stories from Our Communities – Contributions from Latin American, Syrian, Hong Kong, Ukrainian, Afghan, Kurdish, Bulgarian. Stories, tastings and traditions exploring migration, heritage and belonging.
14:45–15:15	Seeds Across Borders – Exeter Seed Bank on seed heritage, food sovereignty, resilience and preserving culture through seeds.
15:15–15:30	Refreshment Break
15:30–16:15	Food Entrepreneurship Panel: Turning Heritage into Enterprise – Maryna Georgieva (multiple award-winning Honeyland), Natalia Stetsenko (Party Box), Olena Rozhkova (True Dairy), Mithat Ishakoglu (Aris Food), and other invited food entrepreneurs.
16:15–17:00	Devon Food Futures – Exeter Food Network, Food Drink Devon, Food Plymouth, Shillingford Organics and Pullo Wine & Cheese Shop respond to previous panel and further explore local food systems, sustainability and future collaboration.
17:00–17:15	Closing Reflections – “What Seeds Are We Planting Today?”
17:15–18:00	Networking Reception – Conversations, Introductions, stalls and partnership building.



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