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The Carrefour Foundation issues a call for projects to tackle food poverty among students in France

On 29 March, the Carrefour Foundation launched Étudiants & Innovation alimentaire, its second call for projects of the year, aimed at rewarding and supporting initiatives designed to give students access to healthy and affordable food. Open to charities in mainland France and its overseas territories, ten prize-winning projects will each get €30,000.

Since the start of the pandemic in 2020, the Carrefour Foundation has been playing its part in ensuring that students have access to essential products. It is as a result of its discussions with stakeholders out in the field – such as the Bordeaux University Foundation, the *Cité internationale universitaire de Paris*, the student charity collective in Lyon, HopHopFood and StudentPop – that it decided to help enable easier access to healthy and affordable food for this highly vulnerable group of people.

The Étudiants & Innovation alimentaire call for projects is aimed at all non-profit-making organisations involved in general-interest projects for students suffering from food poverty. Hospitality providers, welfare grocery stores and all other social innovation initiatives related to food are concerned.

All organisations which meet these criteria are invited to submit applications before **3 May 2021**. Once the applications have been looked at, the Carrefour Foundation will announce the ten winning organisations on **17 May 2021**. Each of them will then receive a €**30,000 grant** to help them develop their project. The Foundation has 20 years of experience operating in the Social and Solidarity Economy, and its team will make itself available for the selected projects, supporting them in their various development phases throughout the year.

This week is also **Don en Nature**¹ week. As a founding member and sponsor of the association, the Carrefour Foundation is participating in this edition all about youth, financing **the distribution of 124,000 essential products (hygiene, welfare and underwear) to nearly 80,000 young people** across France.

For more information

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About the Carrefour Foundation

Created in 2000, the Carrefour Corporate Foundation has a public interest mission in France and throughout the world, promoting the inclusive food transition. Its commitment is underpinned by work in three key food-related areas: sustainable and community-supported agriculture, tackling waste and social responsibility. With an annual budget of €6.75 million, the Foundation supported 47 projects in 2020 and helped thousands of people in the eight countries in which the Group operates, as well as in Taiwan.

¹ Organised by the Agence Don en Nature – the agency for gifts in kind