

IFAN Autumn Newsletter

Request from a new member

'We are an independent foodbank in the town of Largs in Scotland. We have used the Trussell Trust's voucher system so far, as that was already recognised and operated by the local Social Services Team. We are now considering the possibility of setting up our own voucher system and would like to hear from other small groups that have set up their own systems, to learn both from the positives and the pitfalls.

If anyone would like to contact us and share experiences, please send a message to our [Facebook page](#)' (If you're not on Facebook please [email IFAN](#) and your message will be passed on).

Big Hunger - a discussion with Andy Fisher about the politics of food banks and hunger

Join IFAN as we welcome Andy Fisher, author of the new book '[Big Hunger: The Unholy Alliance Between Corporate America and Anti-Hunger Groups](#)', along with a panel of experts.

Tuesday, November 14th

6-7.30pm

Tooting United Reformed Church, SW17 9NQ (Thank you to our members [Be Enriched](#) for the venue!)

Tickets are FREE to IFAN members! (£5 per ticket for non-members).

For more info and to book please [click here](#)

Could you be our next Trustee?

IFAN is looking for two Trustees to join our board. We are particularly interested in receiving interest from people with lived experience of using food aid and people with knowledge of and experience in fundraising and campaigning.

For expressions of interest and further information please [email IFAN](#)

StoryBank project - help us with our pilot

We have recently been awarded a small grant to create a StoryBank and we're looking for an IFAN member to work with us in the pilot phase.

We plan to work with our members to collect stories from people using food aid, to highlight personal experiences that will support our members in local campaigns and funding bids, and put a human face on the issues that drive people to need food aid.

Our aim is that the StoryBank will become a rich source of data that will help drive upstream changes that alleviates the root causes of food poverty.

[Click here](#) to register an expression of interest and [click here](#) for more info

More information about the StoryBank concept can be found on the Families USA [website](#).

‘Food Bank As It Is’ Play - Book Tickets

Food Bank As It Is was written by food bank manager Tara Osman and has been staged by a group of volunteer actors and friends. They’ve run 7 sell-out performances across London and will be performing at the Houses of Parliament on the 9th of October. Patrick Butler of The Guardian has described it as ‘a topical, important play about poverty, food bank use and

what drives it". IFAN's Professor Jon May and Seb Mayfield have both been Q and A discussion panelists while IFAN's researcher, Sabine Goodwin, is the play's producer.

£8 tickets Eventbrite, Garden Court Chambers, London 29.11.17.

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Lessons from America - What to do about Food Banks

Conference room, Bridge 5 Mill, Ancoats, Manchester

Thurs Nov 9th, 6-8pm

Presentations by Andy Fisher on his book 'Big Hunger' and Hannah Lambie-Mumford on her book 'Hungry Britain' followed by Q+A discussion.

Book your free ticket [here](#).

Food bank users sought for Channel 4 Dispatches doc

Blakeway Productions are hoping to speak with independent food bank users who work in the public sector for an upcoming Channel 4 Dispatches commissioned documentary they are producing. The documentary will look at public sector workers' pay, and the impact this is having on standard of living. If you yourself use foodbanks and work in the public sector or if you know of anyone who does and who would be willing to talk with us, please contact Helen Clifford at 0207 428 3142 or at helen.clifford@blakeway.tv. The programme is due to air by the end of October, so please get in touch as soon as possible.

APPG Inquiry on Hunger & Malnutrition Among Older People

An Inquiry on Hunger and Malnutrition Among Older People is currently live. The APPG on Hunger and Food Poverty is inviting organisations to submit evidence by Friday 20th October. More information on the inquiry and the Terms of Reference at <https://feeding-britain.org/>). It would be really helpful if any IFAN members working with older people could submit evidence, so that we can hopefully get some really strong recommendations from the inquiry. Evidence can include rigorous research or evaluation data, anecdotal evidence, case studies and expert analysis of the problem and potential solutions. Email written submissions to andrew.forsey@parliament.uk