



IFAN Newsletter - November 2018

Dear Everyone

We were really pleased to see so many of you at the IFAN Rethinking Food Aid Conference in Chester in September. Thanks so much for coming! If you'd like more information about any of the sessions or would like to access available slides please let me know. Many thanks indeed to Polly Jones of A Menu for Change, Pete Ritchie of Nourish Scotland, Chris Sunderland, Jon May and Steph Ellis for leading informative and discussion-provoking workshops. Many thanks as well to all those who kindly helped on the day.

Our organisation has recently acquired charitable status and we hope that as a result that we'll be able to develop funding plans to better support our members, to undertake further research and to continue to advocate on behalf of independent food aid providers across the UK at this critical time. We'll keep you posted.

Meanwhile in Scotland we are working to collate food parcel distribution data across the country alongside A Menu for Change. I'll be meeting representatives of independent food banks and other food parcel distribution services at the end of November in Glasgow. You can read more about this project [here](#).

We are also planning the development of a forum for members and other frontline organisations to share information and best practice in terms of tackling the particular challenges of rural food poverty. If you'd like to be involved please let us know.

And I'm looking forward to meeting independent food bank coordinators who work within the Hereford Diocese in Herefordshire and Shropshire on the 9th of November.

It was also very good to see so many of you at the End Hunger UK conference on the 16th of October as well as at the 'Behind Closed Doors' exhibition at the Houses of Parliament that evening.

There is just a week to go until the End Hunger UK Fix Universal Credit is handed in to 10, Downing Street. Do sign if you haven't already and pass on to as many people as possible. Details are [here](#).

We'd very much like to thank all those listed below working with member organisations who have represented IFAN at recent events:

Tracy Olin, PATCH at the End Hunger UK Behind Closed Doors exhibition launch in Cardiff.

Aynsley Jones, Axminster Food Bank at the launch of the End Hunger UK Fix Universal Credit petition at the Houses of Parliament. Aynsley will also be part of an End Hunger UK delegation to deliver the petition on the 7th of November.

Rachael Rodway, Carlisle Foodbank at the Behind Closed Doors Carlisle launch.

Chris Sunderland, Real Economy at the Behind Closed Doors Bristol launch.

Dee Woods, Granville Community Kitchen at the End Hunger UK, National Federation of Women's Institutes and Feeding Britain event at the Houses of Parliament in support of the Food Insecurity Bill.

And we're very pleased to welcome our new members to the network:

NEO Community

Sadaka

Caring Hands

FoodShare Maidenhead

Port Grocery

Food in Community

Thanks a lot and best wishes, Sabine on behalf of IFAN

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