This month we are really pleased to welcome 13 new members:

Axminster Health & Wellbeing Centre
Victoria Park Baptist Church
Sandbach Food Bank
The Besom in Camberley
One Can Hope
PXI Parson Cross Initiative Projects
Unity Grill CIC
Wolverton Benefice (MK Food Bank)
Lancaster Community Club CIC
Lancaster People’s Cafe
Joseph’s Storehouse
Inspiring Grace
St Catherine’s Church

A map of all our members can be found [here](#), and if your group isn't on there you can join [here](#)!

**IFAN Team**
Find out who sends these newsletters by checking out our new [team web page](#)! (Not including our wonderful trustees who will be added soon)

**Distribution Data**
IFAN is looking into ways of collecting independent food parcel distribution data nationally. If you would like to share your latest statistics, if you haven’t done so already, or have thoughts on this / a common measure that could be adopted, please do contact [Sabine](mailto:). 

**Universal Credit Campaign**
IFAN is also campaigning alongside other [End Hunger UK](#) coalition members on Universal Credit. We will shortly be sending round an online questionnaire regarding the impact of Universal Credit on our members’ organisations - the results of which will be included in a report produced by all the End Hunger UK members.

**WI Food Poverty Programme Launch**
IFAN attended the launch of the Womens Institute Food Poverty programme last week at the Houses of Parliament. This is the next stage in their Food Matters Campaign and involves a national debate on food poverty - with WI members across the country organising local events to look into how the issue affects people in their communities and nationally. Further details are [here](#)
John Hay was invited on behalf of IFAN member ‘The Orchard’ and other independent food banks were also represented - the First Love Foundation, the Hereford Food Bank and Dad’s House.

**Food Insecurity Bill**
Emma Lewell-Buck’s [Food Insecurity Bill](#) now has its 2nd Reading scheduled for the 26th of October. IFAN is actively involved within End Hunger UK campaigning for the introduction of regular household food insecurity measurement.

**Menu for Change Workshop**
IFAN attended the workshop in North Lanarkshire a few weeks ago & it was great to meet so many organisations, working together to provide easy access to the Scottish Welfare Fund. The fund, usually giving around £60 at a time, ensures that people in crisis receive cash, which is both empowering and practical, allowing people to choose food and pay bills.
It was interesting to hear the successes and challenges of the project, and brainstorm thoughts to promote & create trust in the process.
It also sparked thoughts about what organisations (outside of Scotland) could do to work with Local Authorities to recreate local funds.
There is a lot of learning to come out of Menu for Change - do keep updated through newsletters, follow on Twitter @menuforchange & www.menuforchange.org.uk