

HOW TO END THE NEED FOR FOOD BANKS

ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY WOULD MEAN EVERYONE IN THE UK COULD AFFORD TO BUY ADEQUATE, HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD

1 ADEQUATE BENEFIT PAYMENTS AND FAIR WAGES

'Food poverty' is poverty. Social security payments must be adequate, accessible and timely and wages need to match the cost of living.



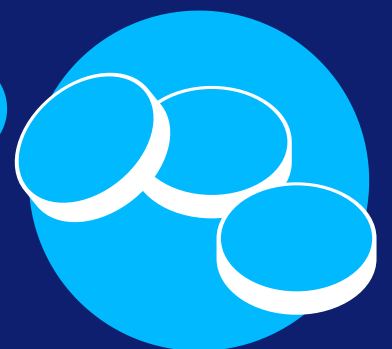
2 STATUTORY CASH GRANTS

Statutory cash grants should be available through every local authority to support people falling into financial crisis in addition to an adequate social security system and fair wages. Cash grants need to be well promoted, accessible and rapidly available to help individuals and families unable to afford food.



3 CHARITABLE CASH GRANTS

When statutory cash grants aren't available, the provision of charitable cash grants enables people unable to afford food to make their own choices.



4 VOUCHERS

Vouchers for food can be a useful emergency food parcel substitute and makes choice possible.



5 EMERGENCY FOOD PARCELS

Charitable food aid provision is a stop gap measure and will not address the root causes of poverty. Food banks rely on the good will of volunteers, donations and redistributed surplus food.



WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY, MORE PEOPLE WILL NEED TO TURN TO FOOD BANKS