

The Right To Food Campaign

The fight to end hunger in the UK



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Right To Food Week 2023

18-23 September

Includes:

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2023 takes place
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bringing people
together to ensure
the collective
demand for a Right to
Food is heard

How to take part in Right To Food Week 2023:

- Ask your MP to support **Right To Food Week 2023** in Parliament and/or on social media on 18th and 19th September 2023. The Right To Food Campaign will email MPs with details so you can ask your MP to look out for this.
- Encourage community groups to take part in **Right To Food Week 2023** (18-23 September). They can make banners, placards and posters calling for Universal Free School Meals or focus on other aspects of our campaign, or perhaps write to the Prime Minister or make a video - and share their activities on social media.
- Share our **Right To Food Week 2023** graphics on social media during our week of action (18-23 September) or share photos of yourself & others holding our **Right To Food Week 2023** graphics on social media. Download graphics at: ianbyrne.org/rtfweek2023
- Post your own messages of support for **Right To Food Week 2023** on social media between 18-23 September.
- **When posting support for Right To Food Week 2023 on social media, please use hashtags #RTFWeek2023 #RightToFood**
- **Share this leaflet!**
- **If based in or near Liverpool, take part in our Hunger March on Saturday 23 September. Meet 12 noon St George's Hall. March to Bombed Out Church then on to The Casa for a campaign rally at 1pm. Bring your banners and flags!**

The Right To Food Campaign

Liverpool West Derby MP Ian Byrne leads The Right To Food Campaign in Parliament to make access to food a legal right for everyone. Working with a range of local and national organisations and community campaigners, our objective is to have the “Right to Food” enshrined in law and to end the scandal of hunger and foodbanks once and for all.

Why we are needed

Eleven million people in the UK are experiencing food insecurity. The soaring cost of living has driven up poverty and Britain’s children are paying the price.

More than half a million children have dropped below the poverty line in the last year, a survey in June 2023 by the End Child Poverty Coalition revealed. Seven out of ten of these children live in working households.

Food poverty leads to health and life expectancy inequality, malnutrition, obesity and a host of other related problems, including even genetic changes. It affects children’s educational attainment and life chances. **Something must change.**

A Right To Food enshrined in law is desperately needed and our campaign will continue until everyone, including all children, is legally protected from hunger.

It is worth remembering that a 2% tax on UK rich list families could raise around £22bn a year, say campaigners, and that Universal Free School Meals for every child - one of our campaign’s key demands - would cost around £4bn to implement.

Hunger is, quite literally, a political choice.

Our five campaign demands:

- 1. Universal free school meals.** No child should go hungry. The Right To Food campaign is calling for free school meals for every child.
- 2. Government to state how much of minimum wages and benefits (on which people are expected to live) is for food.** The Right To Food Campaign wants Government to reveal how much money is factored in for food when setting minimum/living wages and benefits.
- 3. Independent enforcement of legislation.** Right To Food legislation must be accompanied by oversight and enforcement powers granted to a new independent regulatory body that will hold Government to account.
- 4. Community Kitchens.** The Right To Food Campaign believes Community Kitchens provide a workable solution to food poverty. Government should fund dining clubs and 'meals-on-wheels' services for the elderly and vulnerable, school holiday meals for those most in need and cookery clubs for the wider community.
- 5. Ensured food security.** Government must ensure food security and take this into account when setting competition, planning, transport, local government and all other policy.

**For more information on The Right To Food Campaign visit our campaign website at:
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