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Special Report: Right To Food Week 2023

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the recent Right to Food Week 2023, which took place 18th to 23rd September.

As the Parliamentary lead for the [Right To Food Campaign](#), I am delighted that our national week of action was a success, bringing together many people and organisations in our communities to increase awareness of the urgent need for a legal Right To Food.

Hunger marches in Liverpool, Belfast & London

In Liverpool, hundreds of people marched from St George's Hall to the Bombed Out Church and then on to The Casa. **Radio City News correspondent Vicky Glover was there. You can watch her video below:**





Ahead of the Liverpool Hunger March on Saturday 23rd September, Writing on the Wall & the George Garrett Archive Project performed a short play on the steps of St George's Hall based on the writings of George Garrett, who led the original Hunger March from Liverpool to London in 1922. **Footage by Vicky Glover, Radio City.**

Chanting children led the charge at the Liverpool Hunger March as hundreds rallied for a legal Right To Food





Right To Food Rally held at The Casa following Liverpool Hunger March

Following the march through Liverpool city centre, a rally was held at The Casa. The audience heard passionate speeches from great speakers in support of a Right To Food, including Kim Johnson MP for Liverpool Riverside; Cllr Liam Robinson, Leader of Liverpool City Council; Dr Ian Sinha, Consultant Paediatrician at Alder Hey Children's Hospital and Dr Naomi Maynard, Director of Feeding Liverpool. Some fantastic organisations including Spirit of Shankly, Fans Supporting Foodbanks and The Greenhouse Project were also superbly represented. However I don't think any of the speakers would mind me saying that the pupils of Monksdown School in West Derby stole the show with a fantastic speech. Thank you to all our speakers.



Right To Food Rally at The Casa supported by fantastic musicians

At the Liverpool rally we were treated to some fantastic music by the brilliant **Mel Bowen** and Andrew Neal. Both musicians played a beautiful, handcrafted guitar which has been donated to the Right To Food Campaign. More to follow on this soon. Sincere thanks to Mel and Andrew for donating their time and their talent to the Right To Food campaign.

Andrew's latest song 'No Longer Shall We Run' is truly a song for our times and is certainly worth a listen. [You can find his video on the next page.](#)



Three cities unit to deliver one message: We demand a Right To Food!

Right To Food Week 2023
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Belfast. Liverpool. London. Three cities. One message. We demand the Right To Food!
Join the HUNGER MARCH
Liverpool Saturday 23 September
Meet 12 noon St George's Hall steps. March to Bombed Out Church, then on to The Cass for rally 1pm. All welcome. Bring your banners & flags!

London Hunger March!
Hunger is a political choice!
2 million Londoners can't afford sufficient food. Enough is Enough.
London needs the #RightToFood.
On 23rd September 2023, join the London Hunger March from 12 noon at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Community Festival of Resistance with speeches, food, and workshops from 2 pm
www.righttofoodlondon.com

RIGHT TO FOOD RALLY
JOIN THE FIGHT TO END HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITIES
ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE BELFAST CITY HALL SATURDAY 23RD SEPT 1PM
"Access to food is a human right"
Contact: Paul.Doherty@foodstuckcharity.com
www.ianbyrne.org

In Belfast, people gathered for a Right To Food Rally...



In London, Right To Food campaigners took to the streets in an inspiring community-organised Hunger March and Right To Food festival in Tottenham to demand food as a legal right...



Big turnout at Right To Food Week Parliamentary drop-in

There was an incredible turnout at the Right To Food Week Parliamentary drop-in held on Tuesday 18th September. **Thank you to all of the Parliamentarians, trade unions and organisations who attended to show their support.** Hunger is a political choice, and this level of support can make a huge difference to those who are relying on campaigns like the Right To Food to change their lives for the better.

Motion to Parliament in support of Right To Food Week

I am delighted that 50 cross-party MPs backed my motion to Parliament in support of Right To Food Week 2023. **[You can view the motion wording and the MPs who support it here.](#)**



Why we need a Right to Food: My article for *Huck* magazine

[Right to Food Week 2023](#) brought together people from across the UK to ensure that the collective demand for a legal Right to Food is heard and to empower those who feel they haven't a voice to rise up and shout about the injustice of hunger. [As the week of action came to an end, I wrote in *Huck* magazine about our campaign to enshrine a right to food in law.](#)

Fantastic trade union support for Right to Food Week 2023

The support from trade union for Right to Food Week 2023 was immense. Thank you to all the unions who backed the week of action, attended an event in Parliament or locally and/or supported us by supplying t-shirts, banners, flags, stickers and more. We quite literally could not have done it without you. ***Special thanks on this occasion must go to CWU Northwest including Carl Webb, Paul Chadwick, Dave Kennedy and Brian Parsons, and to GMB NW&I including Paul McCarthy and Neil Smith.***



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Brilliant support from West Derby constituents



West Derby schools back Right To Food Week 2023

The involvement of so many of our schools in Right To Feed Week was incredible. For example, children at Blackmoor Park Infant School in West Derby joined the week of action by calling for the roll out of Universal Free School Meals, which is one of the five key demands of the Right To Food campaign.



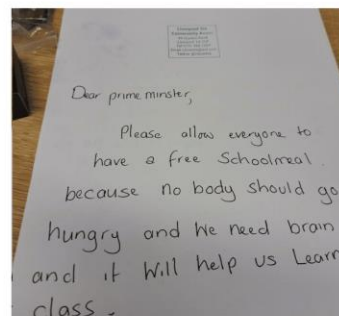
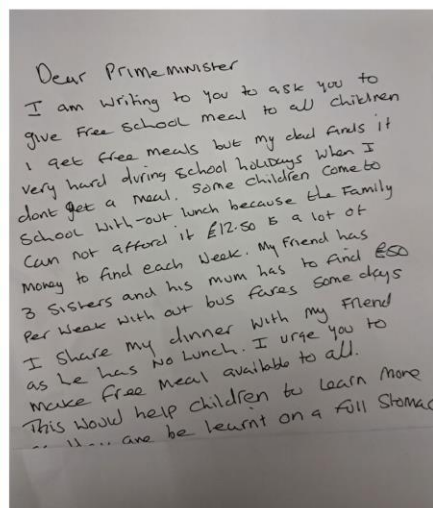


Young people write powerful letters to Prime Minister

The children and staff at L6 Centre in Liverpool were staunch supporters of Right To Food Week 2023. Some extremely powerful letters to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak were written by young people at the L6 Centre during the week, providing a stark reminder of just why we are all campaigning for a legal right to food.



Young people in Liverpool are writing powerful letters to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak during Right To Food Week



Consultant Paediatrician at Alder Hey Hospital Backs Right to Food Week 2023



Dr Ian Sinha is a Consultant Paediatrician at Alder Hey Children's Hospital here in West Derby. A specialist in respiratory medicine, Ian says many of the children he sees in clinic are now showing early signs of adult diseases which he believes can be linked to poor nutrition and housing. [Ian is a staunch supporter of the Right To Food Campaign and during Right To Food Week he talked to Radio City.](#)

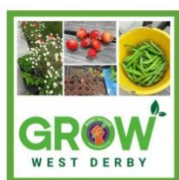
LFC Academy players support Right To Food Week 2023

It was a pleasure to visit the LFC Academy to talk about the Right To Food campaign and hold an engaging Q&A session with the academy players, who strongly supported the aims of the campaign and week of action.



Community pantries stand up for the Right To Food

It was encouraging to see so many community pantries involved in Right To Food Week. Here in Liverpool many pantries spent time during the week of action making banners and placards for the Hunger March. **Thanks to Feeding Liverpool for their support.**



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THE RIGHT
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CAMPAIGN

SOCIAL EVENING
& CATCH UP WITH

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FRIDAY
17TH
NOVEMBER
7PM

MARLBOROUGH
ROAD
ALLOTMENT
CLUBHOUSE

Join us to celebrate our
Parliamentors winning Best
Project for the Grow West
Derby community garden,
as part of the Right To Food
Campaign.

- SPEAKERS
- POLITICAL
UPDATE
- Q&A
- LIVE MUSIC

Invitation

You are warmly invited to join me for a
Social Evening and Catch Up at
Marlborough Road Allotment
Clubhouse, from 7pm on Friday 17th
November.

Join me at this event to celebrate our
fantastic 'Parliamentors' winning Best
Project for our Grow West Derby
community garden. There will also be an
update on the Right To Food Campaign,
live music, speakers and an update from
me on various work and projects. Free
entry. Cash bar.

[Register here for your free e-ticket.](#)