

GUARANTEE OUR ESSENTIALS



Community Conversation - Consent form

Please provide a response for each statement

Open Letter consent

I consent to be included as a signatory on the Guarantee our Essentials open letter to be sent to relevant local MPs. (This will include my name, and the name of my organisation)

☐ Yes☐ No

Postcard consent

I consent for my postcard to be given to my MP(s)

☐ Yes☐ No

Photo consent

I give consent for my photo to be used on social media and in campaigning materials by the Foodbank and Trussell*

☐ Yes☐ No

Stay informed about the campaign

I consent to be contacted by the Foodbank about campaigning activities in the future

☐ Yes☐ No

Below is the content of the Open Letter that we will give to our MP:

We are deeply concerned about the number of people in our community experiencing hunger and hardship because they cannot afford the essentials.

Many of our organisations help people by creating warm and welcoming spaces, providing advice and essential items and working together to foster a strong, supportive network for local people.

Our social security system should be there for us all when we need it most, but right now it's not even providing enough to cover the cost of life's essentials - driving hardship and hunger in our community.

Anti-poverty charity Trussell's data shows that across the UK 70% of people needing to turn to a food bank in their community are receiving Universal Credit. This includes many of the people we support in your constituency - because Universal Credit doesn't cover the cost of essentials, and is pushing people to need our support. Research shows around a quarter of the costs of essentials aren't covered by the basic payment.

We won't stand by and let this continue. And we know what will make the biggest difference - updating our social security system.

We are calling on you, as our MP, to work with us to help secure the changes that would help ensure our social security system protects our community from going without the essentials.

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