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Feeding Salford - the fight against hunger



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ISSUES AROUND FOOD POVERTY

By David Ormsby

CURRENT CHALLENGES

- Increasing demand for food
- Short-term food crisis and long term structural food insecurity

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SALFORD

- The role of the Salford Food Share Network
- Feeding Salford - document for the future development of food provision
- Collaboration to make a difference

WHAT IS DRIVING FOOD POVERTY

- Linked to welfare reform - sanctions, bedroom tax, benefit cap, structural reductions in financial support.
- Delays in payments of benefits - Universal Credit, initial claims, change of circumstances.
- Suspensions of benefit - related to evidence to support claims, investigations.
- Issues related to language, cultural, learning difficulties, mental health, and dependency.

WHAT IS DRIVING FOOD POVERTY

- IN-WORK INSECURITY - ZERO HOURS, FIXED TERM CONTRACTS, SELF EMPLOYED
- LOW SKILLED, MINIMUM WAGE EMPLOYMENT
- REGULAR MOVEMENT BETWEEN WORK AND NO WORK
- BUILD RESOURCES
- INTERFERENCE WITH WORK SUPPORT BENEFITS

WELFARE REFORM/ FUTURE CHALLENGES

- UNIVERSAL CREDIT REDUCTIONS IN FAMILY SUPPORT
- THIRD CHILD LIMITS
- ESA-WRAG
- ADVICE PROVISION
- SUPPORT PACKAGES
- FOOD POVERTY AVOIDANCE STRATEGIES



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Salford Food Bank



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About Salford Foodbank

- Started Oct 2012 by Christ Central Manchester Church
- Part of Trussell Trust network of foodbank
- Initially operated from 3 different locations
- Moved into Mocha Parade building in Oct 2013



How we operate

1. Food donated by the public
2. Care professionals refer people via voucher system
3. Vouchers exchanged for 3 day emergency food parcel
4. Foodbank volunteers chat to clients and signpost



More than food

- Offer a listening ear
- Assess further needs the client may have
- Signpost to a range of support services in the area
- Salford CAB & Salford Foundation
- E37: addiction and exercise
- Offer to pray
- Possible future projects



Figures

- 2013/14 – 2,499 food parcels
2014/15 – 3,176
2015/16 – 3,929
2016/17 – 4,583
- 90+ referral agencies



Our challenges

- Many more people needing foodbank
- Our clients have complicated / ongoing challenges
- Financial donations
- Food donations
- Building

