

Restoring Dignity Reviving Hope



The Beginning

“Hunger is not an overseas problem”



The Present Reality



Chris Mould, Executive Chairman

“The level of food poverty in the UK is not acceptable and it is causing deep distress to thousands of people. The time has come for an official and in depth inquiry into the causes of food poverty and the consequent rise in the use of foodbanks. As a nation we need to accept that something is wrong and that we need to act now to stop UK hunger getting worse.”

**The Trussell Trust Press Release.
16/10/2013**

The Present Reality



Jack Monroe,
agirllcalledjack.com

Today I launched #jackspetition – calling for a debate in Parliament about the rise in the use of food banks in the UK.

When I spoke at Tory Party conference earlier this year, several senior Tories (who I will spare the embarrassment of ‘calling out’ by naming them) agreed with me that we needed an inquiry into food bank use in the UK.

Several months later, nothing seems to have been done about it. It seems the old adage is true – if you want something done, you should probably do it yourself.

Backed by the Daily Mirror, The Trussell Trust, and Unite, the petition went live today, and in the first 24 hours, over 65,000 people have signed it.

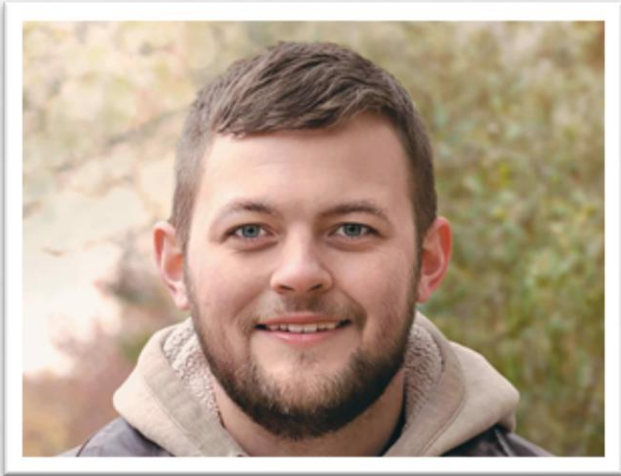
The response has been incredible – but this isn’t a one day push. I’m going to keep sharing this petition and campaigning until its taken up as a debate in Parliament – because MPs have ignored this issue for far too long, or tried to pretend that it doesn’t exist, or let charities and volunteers pick up the pieces.

So please – carry on signing and sharing #jackspetition – it’s clear from today’s response that I’m not the only person who thinks this is a disgrace and wants some answers.

Please sign at www.change.org/foodbanks – it takes less than a minute.



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An E-Mail sent to The Trussell Trust on a Friday from a young man, who was later referred to Glasgow SE Foodbank:

“Hello, my name is Jamie. I can't believe I am actually doing this. I have two degrees and lost my job back in March when my company went into Administration. I exhausted my savings by June and had to go on Jobseekers Allowance. I earn £67.50 a week on Jobseekers or £270 a month but my monthly bills exceed this. Thankfully I get a little help with housing benefit but when it comes time to cut corners, it's the food or the electric of the gas that gets cut.

I'm relying on my free library membership to send this E-Mail, which brings me to my point. I need to know what food charities are available in the Glasgow area. I haven't eaten since Monday and I can't keep going days on end with no food. I hate having to ask but I don't know what if any alternative there might be short of stealing.

Humbly yours, Jamie”



What does a Foodbank look like?

Trussell Trust Foodbanks provide a minimum of three days nutritionally-balanced emergency food relief to individuals and families experiencing hardship in the United Kingdom. The Foodbank is a warm and comfortable but also confidential and discreet environment.

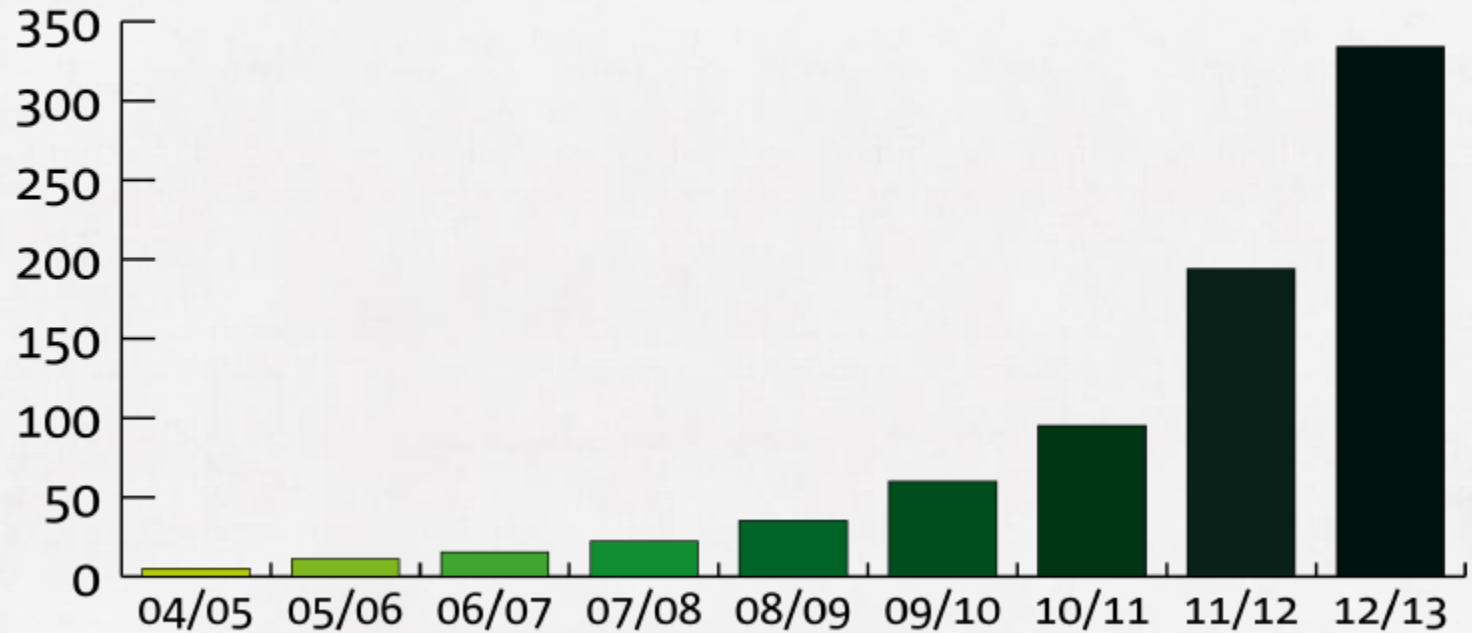
People are referred via voucher by frontline organisations for various reasons including benefit delays / changes, low income and debt and receive assistance to emerge out of crisis towards sustainable living.

The Trussell Trust partners with churches and communities and the goal is for every town and city to have a Foodbank and to see a nation where no one needs to go hungry.



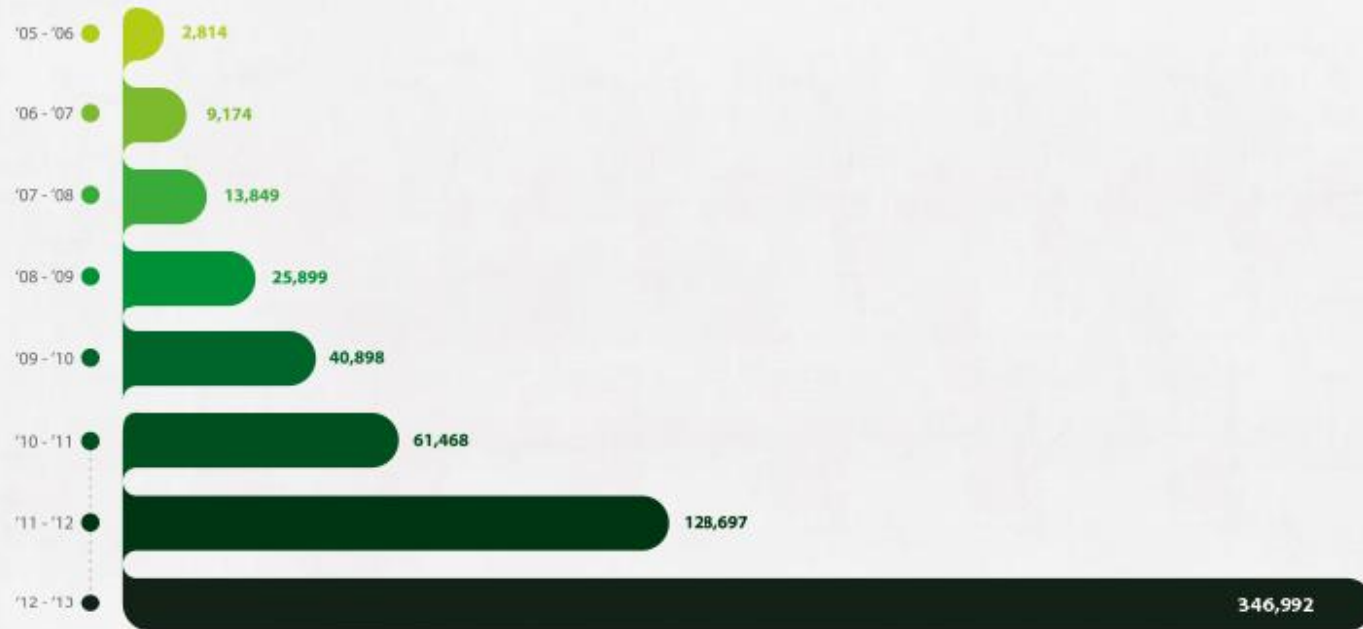
Foodbank Growth

Number of foodbanks



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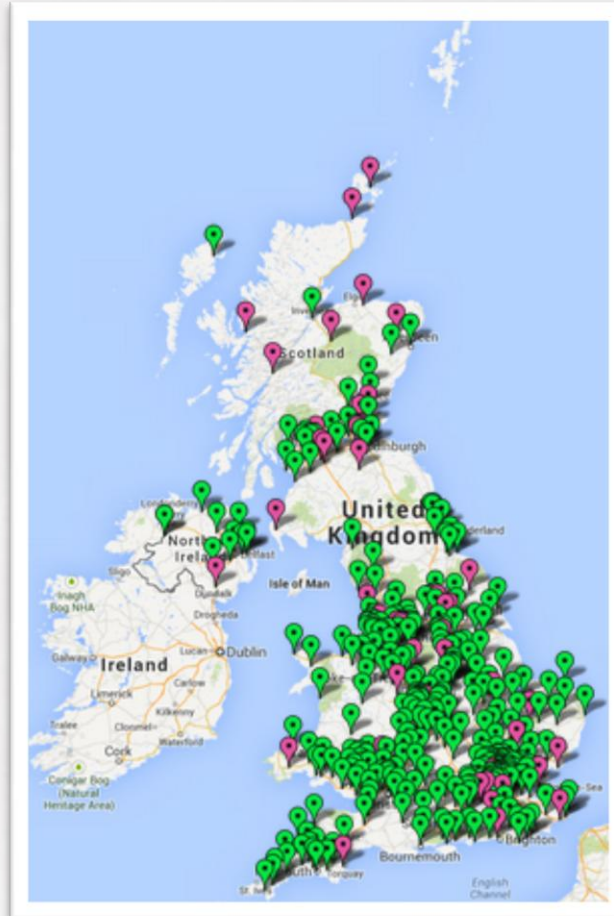
Number of clients



Foodbank Network Scotland

380 UK Foodbanks
43 Scottish Foodbanks

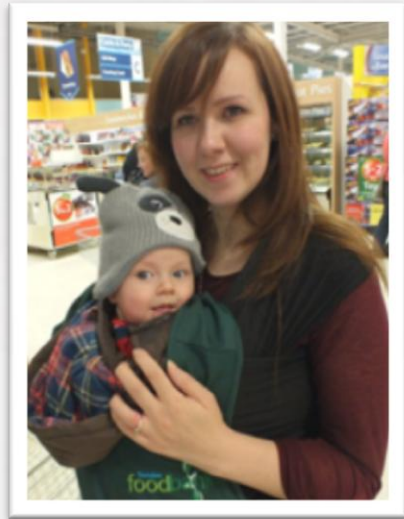
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Edinburgh SE
South Ayrshire
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North Ayrshire
Aberdeen
Falkirk
Glasgow NW
Aberdeenshire South
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33 Open Foodbanks
10 Launched Foodbanks

East Renfrewshire
Glasgow NE
Peeblesshire
Perth & Kinross
Aberdeenshire North
Edinburgh NE
Clyde Avon & Nethan
Orkney
Lochaber
East Dunbartonshire
Glasgow SW
Glenrothes
Edinburgh SW
Edinburgh Central
Moray
Hamilton District
Cupar
Wigtownshire
South Skye & Lochalsh
Thurso
Badenoch & Strathspey
Rutherglen & Cambuslang

Partnership is Crucial



Aims and Objectives

If The Trussell Trust is intent upon influencing local and national Government policy, what is the most effective way to do so and what policies should we be targeting?

Does attempting to influence national Government policy express a false concept of where power lies and alleviate the responsibility upon those living within communities to ensure their own resilience?

