

Fix Universal Credit

Ensuring no one needs to go to bed hungry in the UK

Help us send a powerful message to the Prime Minister

Handy hints for promoting the End Hunger UK petition



End Hunger UK's national petition is calling on the Prime Minister to fix Universal Credit to prevent people going hungry. Evidence from frontline food aid providers across the UK reveals that the rollout of Universal Credit is currently causing hardship for vulnerable people, and putting pressure on emergency food supplies.

The petition is designed to send a powerful message to the Prime Minister – it's time to fix Universal Credit. We will deliver the petition to 10 Downing Street in the lead-up to the Autumn Budget in mid-November. By then, we hope that many of the, literally, thousands of people who each week use, volunteer or donate to food banks and other food projects across the UK will have signed the petition – but we need your help to do this.

Get your local food bank or other community food projects on board

If you use, volunteer or donate to a local food bank or other community food project, ask them if they will support and promote the petition.

- Download A4 copies of the petition from www.endhungeruk.org/universalcredit
- Each form has space for 30 people to sign.
- Ask volunteers, users or members to sign the petition at your normal weekly sessions
- You might want to plan a special push for signatures during End Hunger Week – see above.



End Hunger Week: 13-20 October 2018

Plan ahead now for End Hunger Week – organise a really big push for local groups to promote the petition to members, users and volunteers.

- Write now (or at the start of September) to as many local groups as you can, sending them copies of the petition and inviting them to collect signatures during End Hunger Week.
- Why not organise a public petition signing on your local high street (or similar), and invite prominent local figures (local councillors, clergy, MP, etc) to sign a giant version of the petition?

If you want help with this, please contact us at info@endhungeruk.org

Get local churches and other faith and community groups on board

Research shows that up to 80% of local churches (and many other faith and community groups) regularly donate to food banks or other projects.

- Ask your local churches (and any other faith or community groups you are in contact with) if they are willing to promote the petition.
- Encourage them to ask everyone to sign the petition at the end of their Sunday service (or other regular weekly worship or meetings).
- They could do this as part of a Harvest festival in September – or as part of End Hunger Week in October (see above).

Fix Universal Credit to Prevent More People Going Hungry

Dear Prime Minister

We share a vision of a society where everyone has access to good food, and no one has to go to bed hungry. We call on the UK Government to fix Universal Credit to prevent more people going hungry.

We all rely on the welfare safety net being there for us in times of financial stress or hardship. But Universal Credit is currently failing in this task.

In areas where Universal Credit has been rolled out, food banks and other food aid providers report a surge in the numbers of people pushed into greater debt, destitution and hunger as a result of delays, errors, a lack of flexibility, and inadequate support.

As a matter of urgency, please:

- Take action to improve the flexibility and support for people on Universal Credit.
- Make improvements to Universal Credit, to ensure it does not leave more people at risk of debt and destitution.
- Make a long-term commitment to ensure Universal Credit provides people with enough income to afford good food on a regular basis.



Title	First name	Last name	House name or number	Postcode

Your personal information will not be stored or used in any way other than for delivering this petition.

If you have circled this sheet, please tell us about yourself:

Name:

Organisation (if any):

Email address:

I would like to receive weekly emails with updates and actions from End Hunger UK.

Please return this sheet to: End Hunger UK, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ by 26 October.
End Hunger UK will deliver the petition to the Prime Minister in early November. Thank you!

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