

068 Food for thought

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Union Notes

1. A single person food parcel is only for 2 days and you are only meant to have them twice a year.
2. The UK is one of the most affluent countries in the world.
3. The Pathfinder Project is part of the Trussell Trust's strategy to address barriers to ending the need for food banks, bringing communities together to campaign for a fairer and more dignified society in which everyone has means to feed and clothe themselves.
4. 27 students have accessed a Trussell Trust Foodbank parcel via UEA or UEASU so far, this academic year 2022/23. In academic year 2021/22 6 students accessed Foodbank parcels through the entire year, showing the increase in need.

Union Believes

1. That foodbanks are a good service for those in emergency need.
2. That we should work for a society where no-one has to rely on food banks.
3. That uea(su) should support a project to help the welfare of students and the local community.
4. Everyone should have a right to access food.
5. People in the UK are using foodbanks and this shouldn't be as high a need in the UK as they are currently.

Union Resolves

1. Mandate uea(su) FTO teams, present and future, to support Pathfinder and all that it stands for.
2. Encourage the UEA Community (students, staff and local residents) to get behind this initiative and help make change for the better.
3. For uea(su) and the UEA to continue the support for students to access foodbanks when they need to.