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Wellbeing



Food poverty - a legacy of austerity and a political choice



Cambridge's Approach – Partnership is the Key

- Food Poverty Alliance Action Plan published (2020 2023)
- Council Motions (Oct 19, July 20, July 21... July 22?)
- Food hub network during COVID and beyond
- Dignity principles
- Continued collaboration

How it started...



... How it's going (a year in numbers)

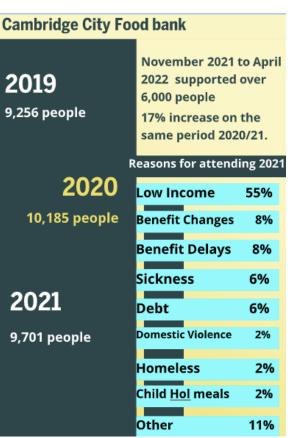
1352 food 86 tonnes of 21.210 surplus food parrcels Food Hub delivered redistributed visits Over 70 businesses and organisations I 56 <u></u> **Events** Q ay 5258 Meals Lun Ch 2753 **Visits** P



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... How it's going (a year in stories)

- "Really changed things, used to not eat some days"
- "My kids don't sleep hungry"
- "I am terrified of going into debt which I will never be able to pay off"
- "I've lived in the area for 48 years and it is the first time since my children finished school that I have really felt part of it"
- "It means I don't have to steal food"

Where next? Beyond emergency food...

- Community food centre
- A Right to Food City what does that look like?
- Going For Gold (Sustainable Food Cities)

