

Chesterfield & District TUC

APPEAL FOR SOLIDARITY

Many people are being referred by Advice organisations to Foodbanks in Derbyshire. Foodbanks exist in North East Derbyshire based at Clay Cross. In early December the Chesterfield Foodbank has its official opening but it is already operating and experiencing huge demands on its resources.

Many of the Foodbanks are organised by faith organisations and they are to be commended for their efforts. But it is also the responsibility of the Labour and Trade Union Movement to offer solidarity to fellow workers who are either unemployed, low paid and/or living in poverty. Many people are being affected by Welfare Reforms including Bedroom Tax, Council Tax changes and Benefit sanctions and delays.

Foodbanks should not be needed in a rich society but people cannot wait for the necessary changes. They are hungry now so while we all campaign for a more fair and just society where all can live in dignity, we need your help.

Chesterfield & District TUC asks Trade Union branches and community organisations to ask their members to donate food as soon as possible to coincide with the official opening of the Chesterfield Foodbank. A shopping list is attached. **Please raise this at your next meeting.**

Donations can be taken to the reception at Chesterfield Town Hall on Rose Hill and the North East Derbyshire District Council House reception on Saltergate.

Please let me know if you are intending to support this initiative in order to help us plan.

I thank you in anticipation.

Colin Hampton

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