

APSE Holiday Provision Seminar 2022

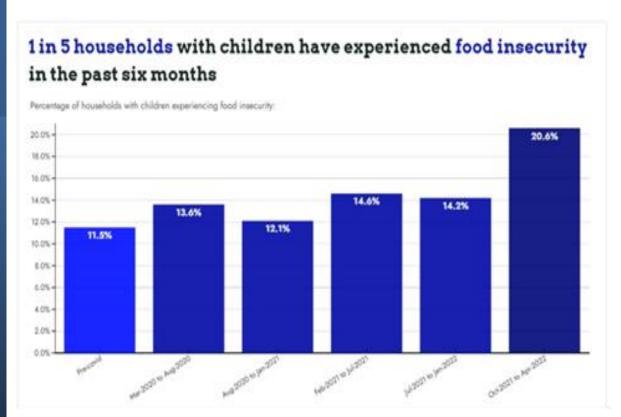
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Today

- The campaign for holiday provision
- Covid and its impact
- Points to consider

Children's Food Insecurity in the UK





Poverty Here's the thing.....

"Children in poverty cannot change their own living situation by themselves. That is why the state has a particular responsibility here."

Jorg Drager

Bertelsmann Foundation's Chairman – Report into Child Poverty in Germany September 2016

















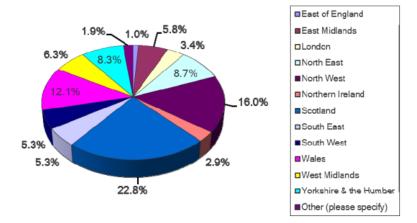




Advocating for change

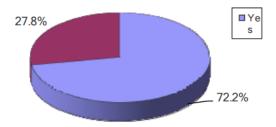
APSE SURVEY 2015

In which part of the UK is your Council?



Of the Councils that responded, 24.3% were County Councils, 35% Districts, 29% Unitary authorities and 2.5% London boroughs. 21.88% of respondents were elected members, 64% officers of the Council and 4.7% described themselves as contractors to the Council.

Is hunger during the school holidays an issue in your area?



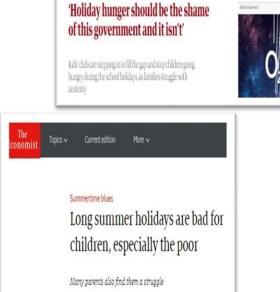
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Poverty and Inequality Commission

Poverty in the School Holidays 2018

Recommendation 1: The Scottish Government should introduce an additional cash benefit during school holiday periods in recognition of the additional costs that families face. The amount should be set at a level that at least matches the equivalent costs of school meals.

Recommendation 2: The Scottish Government, COSLA and local authorities should work together to take a strategic approach to developing and funding a coordinated package of school holiday support that addresses the full range of pressures faced by families with low incomes.

Recommendation 3: Building from existing services, holiday club provision, with nutritious and culturally appropriate food as a core element, should be available for all children from low income families.

https://povertyinequality.scot/publication/poverty-and-inequality-commission-advice-on-poverty-in-school-holidays/



2014 – 2022

- APPG Hunger Feeding Britain Report 2014
- APPG School Food Holiday Hunger Task Group 2014
- APSE Survey 2015 /Sheffield Hallam Conference 2015
- Wales pilots 2015 /£1.5ml invested 2016
- Cross Party Inquiry Hungry Holidays Report 2017
- School Holidays (Meals and Activities) Bill 1st reading 2017
- Scotland £1ml to tackle Holiday Hunger Fair Food Fund 2017
- Second reading of Holiday Provision Bill 2018
- DfE pilots 2018 2020 £11ml
- Scottish Government £2ml for Fair food Fund 2018
- Scottish PIC report Poverty in School Holidays 2018
- DfE HAF Programme £200+ml 2021
- Scotland Get into Summer 2021 /2022
- Wales SHEP 2021 £4.85Ml
- NI cash payments (UK regions vouchers/ cash payments)
- Community groups!

Developments

- 1000s of projects differing in scale, duration and delivery methods
- Challenges food provision, staffing, referrals, media, marketing, funding and data
- Success reach, community partnerships, research, policy, awareness and investment
- More government support
- Innovation
- Rights based approach
- Inclusion in community planning
- A Global Pandemic!



What we know from research in UK projects so far...

- Children and families food secure
- Families less financially pressured
- Reduced safeguarding issues
- Volunteer and employment opportunities
- Training and skills development
- Supports child care for working parents
- Improved dietary intake
- Increased physical activity
- Improved mental health
- Keeps children learning
- Less social isolation
- Supports the local economy



COVID

March 2020 Schools across the UK closed

Poverty and food insecurity starkly highlighted by the Pandemic

Community and Food aid groups did outreach

Government funding made available

Sectors aligned and worked together

New hybrid ways of education and work

Supply chains and workforce impacted

Civil contingency planning not pandemic prepared

What now and next?

- Cost of living crisis
- Further research publications
- Different funding streams
- Innovation /IT
- Frameworks, Policy, standards, training
- Mainstreaming of holiday provision
- Pandemic proof our service from lessons learned
- Long term impact......

Points to consider today...

- What will help your projects/programmes improve?
- Are you consulting regularly with communities about their priorities?
- Where are the gaps and opportunities
 in the provision?
- How does the provision support wider poverty/community wellbeing/covid recovery?
- What data is being collecting about impact?
- How are you 'poverty proofing' your community?
- Do you promote other services and support to families via your provision?
- Does your provision have dignity, equality and sustainability?

Thank-you

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