

At present, 13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK. Worcester food bank is part of a collection of 380 food banks nationwide providing food and support to people in crisis. **Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Trussell Trust foodbanks provide a minimum of three days emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK.**

In 2013-14 foodbanks fed 913,138 people nationwide. Of those helped, 330,205 were children. Last year alone, Worcester food bank served over 4000 people/families last year and each year there is even more need for their services.

The charity relies on the good will of schools, churches, businesses and individuals to donate non-perishable, in-date food to the foodbank. All food given out by foodbanks is donated to the charity with ‘Supermarket Collections’ being one of the main ways that food is donated: These are food drives held at supermarkets where volunteers give shoppers a ‘foodbank shopping list’ and ask them to buy an extra item or two for local people in crisis.

As part of public health nutrition module, the 3rd year human Nutrition course from the Institute of Science and the Environment would like to arrange a Worcester food bank collection over the period of a few weeks at the University of Worcester, across both campuses, in the run up to Christmas. If this collection is successful the aim is to have this as a rolling scheme for the Public Health Nutrition module each year.

The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness of this vital local charity, collect food supplies and make people aware of volunteering opportunities and good work this charity provides.

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