The Village Food Bank



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So, what are we about?

- TVFB provides practical support for low-income LGBTQ+ people and their dependents living in the Brighton and Hove area
- We provide food, household essentials, toiletries pet supplies, and clothing in an accessible space. Requests are fulfilled when possible.
- Community table, hot drinks, snacks, wifi, personal shoppers
- Warm, third space to form connections with other LGBTQ+ people
- Visiting professionals- St Luke’s Money Advice, SHAC, LGBTQ+ community groups

So, tell us the basics?

- Launched in November 2024 after identifying the gap in the LGBTQ+ sector and clients reporting poor experiences at existing food banks
- Our session runs 4-6pm, considering school run and office hours
- Hanover Room at The Brighthelm Centre, with aim to move to TLC
- 2x Mondays a month with dates released far in advance
- “By and for” service with the majority of volunteers also being users
- Donation points around the city

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So, why do you need to exist?

- A rise in transphobia
- Discrimination in education and employment
- Concerns regarding faith spaces
- A lack of traditional family support/ financial safety nets
- Vulnerabilities to mental and physical health issues
- Vulnerabilities to homelessness
- Vulnerabilities to other experiences such as DA, substances etc
- Cost of living in Brighton and Hove

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So, who are the members?

- New members can register online or turn up to a session for help with the form (see “sign up” tab on our website/ link in insta bio)
- System based on honesty and trust- no evidence required
- 320+ households registered to the service
- We serve between 40 and 55 households per session
- 76% have a disability or long-term health condition
- 70% are neurodivergent

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So, who are the members?

- 19% are people of colour
- 55% are trans or non-binary
- 30% had never used a food bank before, even though they needed one
- 70% Majority of members are struggling with the rise in cost of essentials, 60% are receiving benefits and not earning, 55% struggling with impact of health condition/disability, 35% struggling with debt, 30% living in temporary or emergency accommodation

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CHICKEN SOUP
GREAT FOR COOKING
BEANS
Tuna
corn
HOMEMADE
PASTA
tomato
CHICKEN
NUGGET
Chips
Sham
poo
CEREAL
COFFEE
Milk
DOG
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