Webinar

School Food for All:
A roadmap for local action

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10am - 11:15am

Case Studies:

- **West Midlands**
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Free School Meals for the West Midlands

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Why Free School Meals matter

Nutritious Free School Meals make children...

... healthier  ... happier  ... perform better at school

“I’m from Birmingham and I have lived experience of food insecurity. The cost-of-living crisis is getting worse, and families are struggling to survive. Giving children one good nutritious meal in school is really important for their wellbeing, for their physical health and for their mental health. Every single child should have access to food, no matter where they live’

YUMNA HUSSEN, 18-YEAR-OLD YOUNG FOOD AMBASSADOR FOR THE CHILDREN’S RIGHT TO FOOD CAMPAIGN AND CHAIR OF BITE BACK
Making this a reality in the West Midlands Combined Authority

1. Set up a free school meal pilot in your local area

2. Advocate for extending free school meals nationally

Scotland: Rolling out Universal FSMs in primary schools.

York: Piloting expanding FSMs in schools in deprived areas.

Sheffield: Improving access through automatically giving FSMs to eligible children.

Haringey: Expanded FSMs to the most-in-need children in primary schools.

Westminster: Expanding FSMs into secondary school and early years.

Tower Hamlets: Expanding FSMs to secondary schools.

Southwark: Expanding FSMs to all secondary school children from families on Universal Credit.


Bath: The St John’s Foundation is supporting seven primary schools in Bath and Northeast Somerset to provide FSMs for children not entitled for the 2023-24 academic year.

Southampton: Swaythling Primary School is providing FSMs for all children from families on Universal Credit.

Northern Ireland: Has an income threshold for FSMs of £14,000 per year - double the level in England.