# HUMANKIND

**Foodbank Support Initiative**

HumanKind – a collaboration between the Research Centre for Museums and Galleries and Calke Abbey – explores the role of culture in tackling social isolation and loneliness.  At the heart of the project (https://humankind.le.ac.uk/) is a desire to foster human connection, compassion and small acts of kindness.

Building on work to date, the Research Centre for Museums and Galleries was planning a large scale food collection during June 2020, inviting staff and students to give help to the Leicester South Foodbank who support the 1 in 5 of the UK population who live in poverty.

With the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and closure of the University campus it is no longer possible to collect food donations as planned.  At the same time, South Leicester Foodbank is experiencing a 300% increase in demand.

To support the foodbank at this critical time, RCMG is inviting students and staff to consider making a donation via online donation.

**How to help**

We recognise that not everybody will be able to help financially.  If you are able to make a donation of any amount, please follow this link to the Trussell Trust website where you can make a one-off gift (through their Chuffed Fundraising page) or set up a regular donation:

https://leicestersouth.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/

If you are unable to make a financial donation there are other ways in which you can help. Consider raising awareness about foodbanks by sharing the Leicester South Foodbank fundraising page: https://chuffed.org/project/leicsouthfoodbank

Or, if you are based in Leicester, you can also look out for collection points at major supermarkets. To find out more about what food is urgently needed, you can visit this link: https://leicestersouth.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

More information about giving help at https://leicestersouth.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/

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