



HOMES FOR ALL

UNIVERSAL CREDIT

The roll-out of UC is disastrous for most people

- Delays mean more debt, rent arrears and hungry children;
- Rent arrears and evictions are rising in UC areas;
- Sanctions at least nine times higher than under the old system;
- People can't afford food: 52% increase in use of foodbanks;
- It makes people ill: 94% report anxiety when claiming UC;
- Children and working families are forced into poverty, not supported;
- £15.8 billion cost so far trying to fix UC faults.

The government said Universal Credit (UC), introduced in 2013, would 'simplify' the benefits system and help people into work. In reality, it was designed to cut payments and further stigmatise and marginalise people on benefits. Since launching UC, Council Tax Benefit has been

reduced, and the Government froze Local Housing Allowance, cut benefits for disabled people and brought in the Bedroom Tax, the benefit cap and increased sanctions.

Thousands have been driven into debt and despair. Hundreds have died. There is no evidence that people have been "helped into work". Many of those suffering because of UC are already in work!

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● Councils must not evict tenants in arrears because of UC. They must put pressure on housing associations and other private landlords to do the same.

● End the Bedroom Tax.

● Restore cuts to Council Tax benefit and Local Housing Allowance.

● Invest in council homes, accessible for all, that people can afford.

● Scrap Universal Credit NOW, before more lives and money are wasted.

Everyone is entitled to help when they need it.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

● If you are struggling. Appeal, demand, resist – get help to get your rights and to appeal against unfair sanctions.

● Contact local campaigners – or Ripon Ray (Money & Welfare Rights Campaigner): 07951 714140.

To end Universal Credit injustice:

● Organise a local campaign with your TRA, community organisation and/or trade unions to make sure people know their rights.

● Hold protests outside job centre, town hall or housing offices to challenge unfair sanctions and evictions, and demand they halt evictions due to UC arrears.

● Write to your local councillors and MP to involve them in the campaign of opposition to UC.

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