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Dear Sir or Madam

Nathan Suberi contacted The Trussell Trust, with an offer to help us earlier this year. As London Foodbank Network Manager, I worked with Nathan for several weeks of concentrated effort. The resulting resource is extremely important to my work in tackling food poverty in London.

The Trussell Trust has the largest network of foodbanks in the UK. In London we currently have 40 foodbanks working from 104 centres in the capital. They are typically run by volunteers who are encouraged to develop independent charities and enter into a social franchise agreement with us. They are trained to use our foodbank model and join the network. We audit them for quality of service, offer training, cloned websites, events, data collection systems and offer a range of other projects for more developed foodbanks to roll out in our 'More than food' programme.

Over the past twelve months, the foodbanks in London have distributed over 105,000 food parcels; each containing three days of nutritionally balanced ambient food and the need continues to grow.

As The Trussell Trust employs three people to oversee the network in London, our limited time needs to be focused on developing foodbank centres in areas of high need. We are also mindful of the value of volunteers, so we need to use their donated energy and goodwill to best effect in places where people are hungry.

Nathan has been instrumental in producing a series of maps which can help the team decide which potential projects should be developed first, and which ones can wait. This mapping will prove invaluable to me.

Sarah Greenwood
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