



## Salford UCRC

Unemployed & Community Resource Centre

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## Campaign launches peoples Crowdfunding to save limbs & lives for UK government illegal benefit sanction victims

The ancient legal principle that the Government is not above the law is being flouted by the DWP's implementation of benefits sanctions.



David (pictured) had his benefits repeatedly sanctioned by Jobcentre Plus officials. This resulted in him being unable to control his diabetes because he had no money for food. This caused diabetic ulcers. These became infected and he had to have a leg amputated. All these sanctions were eventually overturned, but it was too late.

Other cases of illegal benefits sanctions we are fighting include claimants with learning disabilities, mental health problems and physical impairments having their benefits stopped for being unable to get to totally unsuitable appointments.

The imposition of unachievable requirements by the DWP, and then the removal of benefits for being unable to meet such requirements, breaches the Equality Act and a set of legal principles governing the way public bodies should behave called Public Law.



We are a company limited by guarantee community fund without share capital.

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Salford Unemployed & Community Resource Centre support over 500 people to get their benefits reinstated each year. Last year we recovered £507,393 for claimants.

We are seeking to raise £30,000 to keep our advice centre campaigning so that we can continue to help victims of benefits sanctions like David fight back.

To help fight back against the destruction of the social security system fought for by our ancestors, we have launched a Crowdfunding page to ask people to make a contribution to fighting David's case and others like him to force the DWP to end its current practice of illegally removing benefits from sick and disabled people. Any pledge of support is appreciated - from £1 or if you can't afford that just saying you support ending illegal benefits stoppages would be hugely welcome.

Campaign organiser Alec McFadden said "Stop all illegal benefit sanctions and use the law against these dangerous and illegal actions that is bringing stress and threat of suicide to so many genuine citizens of the UK."

"In fact, we currently are defending a client who had his left leg amputated because he was sanctioned and did not take his insulin required for his diabetes because he could not afford to buy food due to being sanctioned".

To help the Salford Unemployed & Community Resource Centre raise funds to continue to help victims of illegal benefit sanctions, our Crowdfunding page can be found here: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alec-mcfadden?utm\\_id=2&utm\\_term=wqzVMRZ5g](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alec-mcfadden?utm_id=2&utm_term=wqzVMRZ5g)

Any pledge of support is appreciated - from £1 or if you can't afford that just saying you support ending illegal benefits stoppages would be hugely welcome. For that reason we have also started a petition on 38 Degrees which can be found here <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/social-security-magna-carta>

We are also interested in launching a class action so if you have been affected by illegal benefit sanctions, please get in touch with us at [alec\\_stuc@hotmail.com](mailto:alec_stuc@hotmail.com)

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