#### CHILD POVERTY ACTION GROUP

2023 HIGHIGHTS

## January

As more families on a low income move to universal credit, we launched a new project to monitor the roll out and push for improvements.



# February

The Scottish government announced it would mitigate the benefit cap as far as possible, helping 14,000 children.



### March

We published a brand new Mental Health and Benefits handbook, available free online.

Read the book



# April

We led campaigning for the two-child limit to be scrapped alongside the End Child Poverty coalition.



# May

The Welsh government published new statutory guidance to limit uniform costs. We published research on the difference in school costs in the four nations.

### June

We launched Imagine, our campaign showing the impact of poverty on children. It reached 5 million people.







### June

Eight Changing Realities campaigners - parents on a low income - went to Westminster to tell MPs about the urgent change they want to see.





# July

Members of the UK Youth Parliament met with politicians as part of their free school meals campaign, which is supported by CPAG.





# August

We launched the Cost of the School Day Voice Network in Scotland, for pupils taking action on school costs and having their say on poverty and education.



## September

All London primary school pupils began getting a free school meal.

We published research with school staff in England showing the impact of poverty in schools.



### October

With Changing Realities we published 'Terrified for Winter', warning that the cost of living support won't prevent more hardship for families.





### November

The government announced benefits will be uprated properly with inflation in April 2024.



#### November

We won a landmark ruling on behalf of a lone parent with presettled status at risk of not having the resources to buy adequate food, clothing and shelter.



### December

With Runnymede Trust and Women's Budget Group, we published 'Inequalities Amplified', a report on racial inequalities and child poverty.



#### CPAG in numbers in 2023

- 6.7% increase in support from our social security system secured from April 2024
- 10\_1% increase in social security support in April 2023
- 2,500 pupils in 283 schools in Scotland having their say on poverty through our voice network
- 4,000 families with 14,000 children helped by the Scottish government mitigating the benefit cap as far as possible
- 7,424 cases we supported frontline workers and advisers with
- 270,000 more children in London benefitting from free school meals in 2023-24 school year

#### Working together to end child poverty

We couldn't do our work without you. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the many individuals, organisations and funders who donated or supported us in 2023.

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# 2024

# Sending you our best wishes for the New Year