



Freedom 90 commits to raising its voice to demand an end to poverty and an end to the need for food banks and emergency meal programs in Ontario.

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Food Secure Canada - Media Release

A Conversation with the UN about the Right to Food

As the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food Olivier De Schutter prepares to deliver his report on Canada to the UN Council on Human Rights in Geneva on March 4, Food Secure Canada members and friends are organizing communities events in every single province and territory! Food Secure Canada has called upon the government to take the rapporteur's recommendations seriously.

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The national web-based Conversation between the Special rapporteur and organizations across the country will take place at noon (EST) on March 4 in English and March 5 in French. Communities are gathering in food banks, universities, offices, town halls and other places to participate in the event. The rapporteur will present his report, followed by a period of questions and comments from the audience, and most community events will then host a local discussion around what can be done to improve respect for food in their communities.

[Read the media release on the Food Secure Canada website](#)

January 31, 2013

The Belleville Intelligencer - intelligencer.ca

Only we can help feed all our people

In a country that helps feed the world, a province that helps feed the country and a region that helps feed the province, there are no excuses for anyone to go hungry.

And yet, those in the know say in excess of 5,000 people in Belleville - more than 10,000 in Quinte - do not have access to enough safe, affordable and nutritious food.

This is not a shame; this is a tragedy.

[Read the full article at intelligencer.ca](#)

February 5, 2013

Ottawa Citizen

Social assistance mess should be a top priority

It probably won't be long before the Ontario government loses the confidence of the legislature and we go to an election. It's possible, though, that the new premier will be able to get a few things done first. Social assistance reform should be at the top of the list.

Strangely enough, it's one policy area on which all three parties could reach significant agreement without much effort. A reform package would be hard for any party to refuse on its merits if it simplified administration, cut a bunch of rules, and reduced clawbacks.

Recently noted

BC Poverty Reduction Coalition - Website

Imagine a World Without Poverty

Take Action Against Hunger: Get Your City Council on Board!

Faith in Action are advocating for the elimination of food banks within their community. Having volunteered at the food bank for years, their members are now calling for long-term, sustainable solutions to the problem of hunger and are challenging all levels of government to rebuild Canada's social safety net and end systemic poverty.



[Read the full page at the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition website](#)

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