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SOS at Right To Food Campaign's Hunger March











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Members of our Management Committee turned out in support of the Hunger March in Liverpool on Saturday 23 September, marking the end of Right To Food Week 2023, a national week of action by the Right To Food campaign, which is led in Parliament by SOS committee member and Liverpool West Derby MP Ian Byrne.

SOS Chair Paul Khan took part in the Hunger March and spoke at the post-march rally at The Casa on Hope Street.

The Hunger March in Liverpool was one of three taking place on the day; the others were held in London and Belfast.

You can find highlights of Right To Food Week 2023 at:

www.ianbyrne.org/rtfweeklive and find out more about the Right To Food Campaign at: www.ianbyrne.org/righttofood

SOS denounce recently proposed late weekend matches

Alarm bells started ringing with reports that a new schedule of kick-off times, proposed under the upcoming Premier League TV deals, are to include later kick-off times over weekends.

We have written to LFC making our objections clear and will work with other Trusts to take necessary action to ensure football remains first and foremost for match-going fans.

Thanks to Shanks

Our union was named after Bill Shankly and 2nd September marked 110 years since his birth in the Scottish village of Glenbuck.

More than 40 years after the great man passed away, his legacy remains stronger than ever and we continue to work and do our best in his name.



Welcome to the union!

The SOS membership recruitment drive has made a steady start and we have welcomed 50-plus new members at our stall at Taggy's Bar and Hotel Anfield.



Thanks to everyone who came to say hello and a warm welcome to our new members - it's great to have you with us!

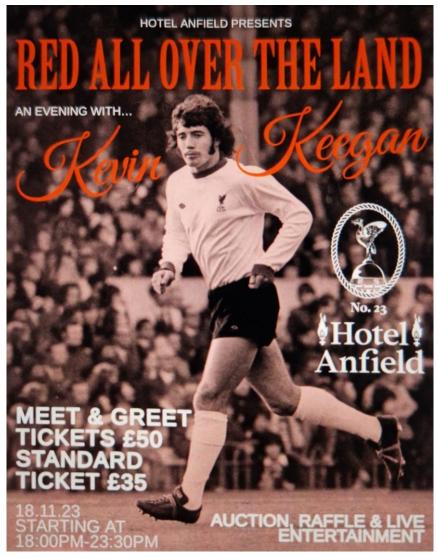
Please check our social media channels to see where we'll be for the next games.

Mighty Mouse back in Liverpool

Liverpool legend Kevin Keegan will be the headline guest at a special evening organised by LFC fanzine, Red All Over The Land.

The former striker will take centre stage at Hotel Anfield, on Saturday, 18 November.

Voice of Anfield, George Sefton - who joined the club on the same day as Keegan in 1971 - will be joining



the LFC legend on the top table and there will be a live DJ set, along with a customary auction and raffle.

For more information, visit www.redallovertheland.com



Under-18s at The Pantry

Members of the LFC under-18s team have been volunteering at the mobile pantry in Toxteth.

Kareem Ahmed and Carter Pinnington have worked hard and enjoyed their experience helping the city's community.

Flag-making with Peter Carney

SOS helped sponsor a workshop with legendary banner maker Peter Carney. During the last international break, Peter, whose flags are flown on



the Kop and showcased in museums, was inspirational for those who turned up and we look forward to seeing their creations on the Kop in the future.

Our Gareth completes charity Kip on the Kop

SOS MC member Gareth Roberts took part in a Kip on The Kop event at Anfield this month. The Anfield sleepout was helping to raise money for the homeless and vulnerable across Liverpool and raise awareness of their plight. Well in to Gareth and all those who took part in the fundraiser. If you'd like to donate, you can do so here.

Great win at LASK

Another great win for LFC in Europe against Austria's LASK as we kicked off our Europa League campaign. The travelling Reds were full of praise for the stewarding and policing at the ground and the brilliant welcome they got from the people of Linz. Exactly what a European away day should be!

Fundraiser for Danny Smith

SOS are backing a fundraising event at Anfield in support of Danny Smith, who suffered horrendous life-changing injuries at the Champions League final in Paris last year. **The event is on 17 November, more details** here.



- One of our community initiatives in Anfield saw dozens of children take part in creative art lessons at The Church on Oakfield Road. They produced some incredible work and can hopefully use the experience as a springboard for their creative aspirations.
- And on 28 September our drama club got underway.











