I’m Calling for social change activism

My name is Josh Brown and I’m here at CoP26 with Feedback Global. This is my manifesto calling for the food system to be more communal, regenerative, healthy and fair. I see lots of homeless people and people using food banks and not having enough food or healthy food for themselves and their children.

I interviewed some family members about the food system they grew up with. The drawing on this manifesto is of my great grandparents who grew all their food which is inspiring to me.

A Food Community Coop in Every Town

I’d like to see the first ever food community coops in every town. There are many empty buildings and councils could give the coops some space. This means people coming together to grow food, use surplus food, exchange ideas, cook and eat together, It is taking back power. Waiting for those at the top to help isn’t an option as we all know.

Shared Work and Food

Community work would not be paid in money. It would be planting, growing, creating compost, going out gleaning and foraging and learning from farms and permaculture places. There would also be work preparing food, cooking, serving, clearing up, cleaning the space, also maybe renovating the space at first. Everyone in the community would sign up to do some work each week. Sometimes there would be group days. The community would vote for someone to coordinate everything each month and this would change.

The One Pot Community

Everyone is included – old, young, able, disabled, unemployed, employed, with councils and small and large businesses donating. I like the idea of cooking a big pot of food made from whatever there is that day and sharing this in the coop, eating round the table. So even if you have no food in the house and no money you know you can still eat and contribute. There would be food left to share with the homeless also. The One Pot Community is a happy place where there is ENOUGH FOR ALL.