

Title page: RESULTS UK Grassroots Scrapbook 2021

Celebrating the activities, actions and impact of the RESULTS Grassroots Network in 2021

Background: collage of images of campaigners and screenshots of Zoom calls. RESULTS logo bottom left-hand corner

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Title: 2021

Text: In the year that RESULTS UK celebrated its 35th anniversary, the grassroots network took nearly 300 actions (and counting) to push for an end to global poverty. Faced with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and an increasingly challenging political environment to engage with, RESULTS campaigners have shown dedication and resilience. It has been a difficult year for our advocacy, with the UK Government cutting the Official Development Assistance (ODA, known as aid) budget by £4.5 billion, but we have continued to show public support for life-saving and life-changing issues, such as funding global education, tackling global malnutrition and creating an equitable, global response to the pandemic.

Background: Red background with collage of action materials from throughout the year. Left to right, top: Oppose the aid cuts! With image of a doctor checking a child on a woman's lap. Middle: Fund Global education! Image of two girls walking with school rucksacks. Right: Building back better, brick by brick! Image of people wearing masks gathered around a table. From left to right, middle: COVID-19 vaccinations for all! Image of woman being vaccinated. Middle: A TRIPS waiver for vaccine equity now! Image of a message lit up on the floor 'People's vaccine not a profit vaccine'. COVID-19 vaccinations must be shared now! Image: Man preparing vaccine, right: Keeping our promises on global health, image of campaigners holding a sign that says 'Vaccines save lives'. Bottom, left to right: Nutrition for growth: A year of Action. Middle: Nutrition for Growth: time for action! Image of a child eating, Right: Commit to global malnutrition now! Image: Campaigns hold a sign that says 'Invest in Nutrition'

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Title: Celebrating 35 years

<https://youtu.be/KESIMOG2L8g>

Preview of video: 'An Ode to RESULTS' with a cartoon person running with a megaphone

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Title: The fight to save 0.7%

Text: Campaigners up and down the country jumped to action to call for the UK Government to scrap plans to cut the ODA budget from 0.7% to 0.5% of Gross National Income. Through organising in groups and mobilising friends and family, over 60 letters showing support for ODA were sent to over 40 MPs! After a turbulent campaign, which you can [read more about here](#), the cut went through, reducing the 2021 budget by around £4.5 billion, which is expected to lead to hundreds of thousands of lives lost. This is devastating news, but we sent a clear signal that we want the cuts reversed, and the Government has indicated a commitment to do so, even if not as soon as we hoped. But as one of our campaigners said, "We have to do what's right, even if we don't win".

Image: A map of the UK with many pins all over it. Clusters of pins in and near Edinburgh, Manchester, Poole, London, South East England and Birmingham. A couple in South Wales. Text to side of image: Over 60 actions taken, over 40 MPs contacted

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Title: Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance funding protected

Text: In light of the cuts to the ODA budget, in August we called on the Government to '[Keep our promises on global health](#)' and ensure that the existing life-saving pledge to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance was honoured. Thankfully, we've since received confirmation that the full pledge of £1.65 billion for the 2021-25 period is safe.

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Title: Speaking to decision-makers

Text: As well as writing letters to MPs and Ministers, RESULTS campaigners have met with numerous decision makers throughout the year to discuss a range of topics. Meetings with MPs and Civil Servants took place throughout September as part of our National Conference and series of advocacy meetings. Campaigners have also independently met with MPs in London, Birmingham and Edinburgh.

Image: Collage of 6 images. Top left image: Screenshot of Zoom call with 4 people, caption: National Conference session with Chris Law MP. Top right image: Screenshot of Zoom call with 13 people, waving and smiling. Caption: Advocacy meeting with FCDO health advisor Middle left: Screenshot of Zoom call with 16 people, most smiling and waving. Caption: Advocacy meeting with FCDO nutrition team. Middle right: Photo of Campaigner with Labour MP, both smiling, stood by a table outside a building. Caption: Carrie with Preet Gill MP, Birmingham. Bottom left: Zoom Screenshot of 12 people smiling. Caption: Advocacy

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meeting with Marion Fellows MP. Bottom right: Screenshot of Zoom call with 4 people.
Caption: Edinburgh group meet Deidre Brock MP, Edinburgh

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Title: Fund Global Education

Text: Over 50 letters were sent from the RESULTS network to the UK Government between March and July in support of funding for global education. We called for a pledge of £600 million over 5 years to the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), the largest multilateral organisation dedicated to quality, free education in low- and middle- income countries. Unfortunately, [the UK only pledged £430 million over 5 years](#). Whilst the pledge was well below what was needed, we showed public support for global education and joined advocates around the world to Raise Our Hands for Education.

Image: A collage of photos of people with a hand raised, or holding a sign. Top left hand corner: blue speech bubble with text 'raise your hand for global education', Top right hand corner: red speech bubble with text #RaiseYourHand

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Title: Beyond monthly campaigns...

Text: In addition to campaign actions, RESULTS groups plan other activities amongst themselves. To mark World Food Day, the Cheshire group ate out at a surplus food restaurant (top left) and in the run up to the G7 Summit, held a social to create a '[Wave of Hope](#)' banner (middle and bottom right). The Poole group have raised over £1000 this year for RESULTS' advocacy work by holding a plant and book sale (top right) and their long-standing cream tea afternoon (middle and bottom left)!

Image: Collage of 6 images. Top left: Group of people around a dinner table with food, smiling. Middle left: Group of people by a banner with hands on, and sign on the building that says West Park. Some wear RESULTS t-shirts. Bottom left: Group of people sat round a table smile and wave. Top right: Two people stand by a table with plants on, wearing RESULTS t-shirts. Middle right: 2 people in facemasks and aprons stand by a table full of cakes. Bottom right: People sat round a table eating cake and drinking tea.

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Title: ...Social media and media

Text: Whether it's raising awareness of our campaigns and issues, sharing a call to action, trying to recruit new members, or letting the local community know what they're up to, RESULTS groups and campaigners get their voices heard on their blog sites, social media

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platforms and in local and national media. Some highlights from the year are: London's blog '[Fighting to Save UK aid](#)', Brighton's blog '[Advocacy 101](#)', Manchester's [first group blog](#) which marked World Water Day, [Edinburgh's Instagram posts](#) on the ODA cuts and an [article on nutrition](#) by Gill in Stort Valley.

Image: Collage of headlines from blogs, Instagram pictures and articles. Including 'RESULTS Brighton blog', 'Fighting to save UK aid', 'World Water Day 2021: The Value of Safe Water for All', 'World Food Day', 'Advocacy 101'.

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Title: Nutrition for Growth (N4G)

Text: The run up to the N4G Summit was an important time to call for renewed UK funding and impactful policy changes to tackle global malnutrition. Over the last couple of years, RESULTS campaigners have been sending letters to the Government and meeting MPs to call for commitments ahead of the Summit. As a final push in the campaign, some groups organised locally to encourage others to take action too (top: Cheshire's postcards, bottom: Poole's letter writing stall). We were disappointed that the UK Government didn't renew any financial commitments to global nutrition programmes, nor did it recommit to reaching 50 million women and girls with nutrition relevant programmes in the next 5 years. However, the Government did commit to using the policy marker for nutrition (a checklist with nutrition criteria) across all FCDO programmes. This [technical but important policy change we campaigned for](#) will force all programmes to consider nutrition objectives, and will help generate data on if and how programmes are tackling malnutrition. This is great news for increasing the effectiveness of ODA spending on nutrition, but we will still push for renewed funding specifically for nutrition and a recommitment to the reach target.

Image: Collage 4 images. Top right: postcard with graphic of hands holding up plates and text that reads N4G works, 2m fewer children stunted since 2013 #fundnutrition, good nutrition tackles poverty at its core, Sustainable development goal End hunger in all its forms, covid pandemic means an additional 3m children could be stunted. this is preventable #fund nutrition. Right hand image: postcard back with text to Liz Truss about tackling global malnutrition. Bottom left: 2 women with short, white hair wear face masks and talk to each other. Behind is a board that says 'write a letter-save lives'. Bottom right: woman in a facemask sits on a chair next to a table with a board that says write a letter-save lives and different cards on the table.

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Title: National Conference

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Text: With the theme of 'Take a stance and find chances for change', our virtual National Conference explored the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and politics on what we campaign on, and how we do it. We were joined by keynote speakers Gina Miller, Jeffrey D. Sachs and Danny Sriskandarajah and panellists from many corners of the world. Campaigners connected with each other, developed their skills and heard about a range of issues and topics. Catch up on the Conference, which was described by one attendee as "a huge tonic for the soul", [here](#).

Image: Collage of Zoom screenshots with people smiling, looking at the screen and holiday up messages on paper, such as #together and 'sense of community' and 'thank you'. 3 larger images of keynote speakers; Gina Miller, Jeffrey Sachs and Danny Sriskandarajah. Below: RESULTS National Conference, 11-12 September, 2021. Take a stance and find chances for change. Illustration of people sat down; one on a laptop, some write letters and others are painting a banner that says 'change'.

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Video: <https://youtu.be/jhnsU5eelHo>

Text: To mark International Volunteer Day, organisations from across the [ACTION](#) partnership collaborated on a [blog](#) to highlight our amazing volunteers!
A global response to COVID-19

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Text: We're calling for the UK Government to: share COVID-19 vaccine doses urgently, at a fair price and according to a transparent plan, and stop opposing a TRIPS waiver, which would enable more countries to access the 'recipe' for the vaccines. In June, the Government pledged to share 100 million doses within the next year, which was good news at the time, but only around 16% of those pledged have been delivered to date. We still have a long way to go on this campaign, but we've seen a lot of energy in the network on it so far: from attending COVID-19 related conference calls and events, sending over 40 letters to the Government to speaking out on social media.

Images: Top: Graphic on a blue background that reads: "The UK Government needs to stop hoarding vaccines and start sharing them so everyone is protected from COVID-19. (Left) Share doses urgently... (clock symbol)...at COVAX prices (money bag image)...and make the plan transparent (eye symbol). (bottom right) Dose sharing. Let's do it right". Bottom: Graphic on a blue background that reads: "The UK Government needs to stop hoarding vaccines and start sharing them so everyone is protected from COVID-19. I've emailed my MP asking them to contact the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the Minister for COVID Vaccine Deployment, to make sure dose sharing is done right.". (bottom left) mobile phone with loudspeaker symbol on screen (bottom right) Dose sharing. Let's do it right"

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Title: Anti-Oppression journey

Text: This year, we have started to consider more deeply how we address oppression and privilege in all their forms. In our 'Inclusive and Creative Campaigning' training day, we heard from an anti-racism consultant and considered different forms of racism (bottom left), and in a National Conference session (top left), we considered the language we use when talking about poverty and injustice. We have a long way to go on this and are committed and motivated to do more and better, and encourage you to join us on this journey. The Edinburgh group marked the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on Instagram with a [series of posts](#). You can read more about some of our anti-oppression work [here](#).

Images: Top left: Screenshot of 4 people on Zoom, Bottom left: Screenshot of multiple people smiling and waving on Zoom, Right: Graphic that says 'RESULTS UK stands for upholding zero tolerance for racial discrimination on this international day for the elimination of racial discrimination, and always.' Image of fist against brown background.

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Quote: *Thank you for all your campaigning and advocacy this year! I hope you'll join us next year and together, we'll keep using our voices to try and influence political decisions that will bring an end to poverty.*

Ruthie Walters, Campaigns Coordinator

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