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THIS CLASS GIVES

- **Pete McKee announces collaboration with Sheffield food bank to raise awareness of food poverty**
- **Donations will receive a limited edition Pete McKee artwork as a thank you**
- **Pop-up donation centre to take place on Saturday the 23 June between 10am – 2pm in Sheffield**
- **Pete's new exhibition celebrating the working class runs from 14 – 29 July. More info at www.thisclassworks.com**



Limited edition artwork from Pete McKee

This is a chance to own a limited edition Pete McKee artwork in exchange for food!

As part of his forthcoming exhibition, **THIS CLASS WORKS**, Pete is pleased to announce **THIS CLASS GIVES**, a **charitable event in collaboration with S2 Food Poverty**

Network. This will take place at a pop-up donation centre at 40-44 Division Street, Sheffield, S1 4GF on **Saturday the 23rd of June** and will be open from **10am until 2pm.**

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Recent statistics showed that between the 1st of April 2017 and the 31st of March 2018 a national food bank network 'distributed 1,332,952 three day emergency food supplies to people in crisis, a 13% increase on the previous year.' 484,026 of these emergency food supplies went to children.*

Charitable organisations such as the S2 Food Bank in Sheffield help tackle such food shortage problems as well as helping with housing loss, family breakdowns, mental health problems and crime.

All donations made at the 'THIS CLASS GIVES' pop-up event will be given to the S2 Food Bank. They will then distribute these goods around a number of food banks throughout Sheffield in order to reach as many areas of the city as possible.

In order to receive this free, very special, limited edition tinned McKee and support S2 Food Bank's work all you need to do is to bring in food or household items. Suggestions include: cereal, dry pasta and noodles, sugar, UHT milk, tea bags, coffee, biscuits, jam, peanut butter, baked beans, spaghetti hoops, rice pudding, tinned soup, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned pies, toilet roll, tooth paste, tampons, sanitary towels, nappies, washing powder, baby wipes, baby food, shower gel, shampoo and deodorant. Please note: we cannot accept any fresh food and can only accept tinned or dried goods.

Pete McKee said:

"If even one food bank alone existed it would be one too many. Sadly the number of food banks throughout the UK are on the rise, reflecting the increasing numbers of people needing to use them. It was a privilege to visit the S2 Food Bank and witness the incredible work they do. Not only do they provide desperately needed food but also long term support to those who use their services. Their aims are to provide both short term and long term relief, with goals to help change people's situations so they no longer have to rely on food banks. This pop-up art exchange is just a small gesture but hopefully will not only provide much needed donations but also raise awareness that food banks still exist today. Hopefully, we can reach a point one day where the need for food banks can be eradicated"

Only 500 limited edition McKee tins will be available and only one can be issued per person, however the amount of items you choose to donate is entirely up to you. Please note that all McKee tins are empty and do not contain any food products.

Pete McKee's new exhibition, ***This Class Works***, runs **14-29 July** at **92 Burton Road in Sheffield**. *This Class Works* is an exploration and celebration of the working class. Different to anything he has done before, the exhibition is a collaboration between Pete and fellow artists, film makers and photographers who share an affinity for the UK's working class.

More information can be found at www.thisclassworks.com

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Pete McKee

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Pete McKee was born in 1966. It was the year England won the World Cup, but also the year that his beloved Sheffield Wednesday lost the FA Cup. Perhaps it is this bittersweet beginning that has given rise to some of Pete's most poignant work, images that can make you laugh out loud or break your heart. His dad Frank was a former steelworker who retired after an industrial accident and his mum Marjorie worked part time at a bakery.

Growing up on a Sheffield council estate throughout the 1960's and 70's has become the inspiration for much of Pete's work. His relationships, his childhood, his passion for music and his wonderful self-deprecating humour come together to create evocative images that have earned him a worldwide following. His home city of Sheffield also provides a constant source of inspiration, with exhibitions such as 'The Joy of Sheff' and '22 Views of Sheffield' celebrating all that is great and good about the city.

Pete's love of music is clear in his work and he is a proud member of ukelele band The Everley Pregnant Brothers, alongside occasional DJ slots. Pete is a proud patron of The Sheffield Children's hospital's arts charity Artfelt as well as an ambassador for the Teenage Cancer Trust and Record Store Day.

S2 Food Poverty Network

The S2 Food Bank has been operating since January 2013 and is an independent organisation.

The Food Bank is run by a very small group of trustees and volunteers. Everyone gives their time for free and no-one is paid.

We provide our clients with short term help in times of crisis but we also work with other agencies to help people overcome these crises and regain their independence.

In an ideal world we would not need food banks but they have grown hugely in recent years to meet the needs of families and individuals.

We see clients who are financially poor and vulnerable.

Last year we saw on average 21 clients per day (Jan to Dec 2017).

We buy most of what we distribute. Only 1/6th of what we give away comes in the form of direct donations from individuals, groups or other organisations.

We spend around £2,500 each month on buying food and supplies to stock the shelves.

At present, less than 60% of our food spend is covered by regular committed donations. The other 40% comes from irregular donations.

In 2017 we helped an average of 455 people per month (this includes the children of our clients).

We spent an average of £5.60 per month, per person (or £67 for a full year).

A monthly standing order of £22.40 (or £18.66 if gift aided) would help us support four people.

Demand is rising! In the first four months of 2018 we have seen a 23% increase in the number of people needing our services.