

Funding the Future

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We posted this short YouTube video this evening:

Neoliberalism promised prosperity—but it's delivering obesity, anxiety, and inequality. Public services are failing, mental health is collapsing, and ultra-processed food dominates our lives. Is it time we faced the truth and built something better?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bakvxcLalWg&si=PRBAjCBtZRX34LiZ>

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This is the transcript:

Neoliberalism promises prosperity through free markets and small government, but what it's actually delivering is decline: physical, mental, and social.

Governments are spending more on healthcare, but people aren't getting better.

That's because neoliberal healthcare systems are treating symptoms and not causes.

The cause that they're not addressing is ultra-processed food.

Ultra-processed food dominates our diets, is cheap, profitable, and aggressively marketed. It's fueling rising rates of obesity, diabetes, and cancer.

And we call this option to buy those foods a choice, even though, actually, the option of health is disappearing as a consequence.

That's the type of illusion that neoliberalism sustains.

And the damage isn't just to our physical health.

Neoliberalism also creates anxiety through constant scarcity, and the damage is to our mental health.

Wages are stagnating.

Housing is becoming unaffordable, and public services are being cut.

Meanwhile, the wealth of a few is skyrocketing.

Politicians are still insisting that the neoliberal system works, but public services aren't failing; they're being starved of money by the neoliberal culture.

We're told the state can't afford to care, and yet apparently it can always find the money to clean up the mess that neoliberalism creates. We've normalised crisis management as policy, but inequality can never sustain well-being, and inequality is what we've got.

Neoliberalism is consuming our health, our hope, and our future. It's time to say it, and it's time to say it very clearly. We need to build something better.