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Small payments. Everyday freedom.

A journey to make. Essentials to buy. The choice to pay your way.

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Dinner still needs to reach the table.

Keeping cash accepted keeps everyday essentials within reach.

SURVEY FINDING

92% want cash to remain accepted and available.

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The dignity of paying for yourself.

Choosing your groceries. Counting your change. Making your own decisions.

SURVEY FINDING

88% fear exclusion from daily life if only digital payments are accepted.

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You have waited your turn. You should be able to pay.

A payment method should not become another obstacle to a public service.

SURVEY FINDING

82% believe the government violates equal participation when public services no longer accept cash.

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The connection is down. You still need the essentials.

When digital payments are interrupted, a cash option matters.

SURVEY FINDING

92% see cash as essential during power or internet outages.

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A few coins.
A journey that matters.

A hospital appointment. A visit to family.
An ordinary journey worth protecting.

SURVEY FINDING

77% oppose the growing inability to pay cash in everyday life.

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What The Ligue calls for:

1. **Protect everyday cash payments.**
Safeguard cash acceptance for essential goods and public services.

2. **Keep exemptions narrow.**
Strictly limit exemptions for unmanned points of sale, particularly for essential goods and services.

3. **Keep cash within reach.**
Establish clear responsibilities for maintaining sufficient access to cash.



Keep cash accepted, accessible and available.

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