



# Glasgow's Action Plan for Change

**EASY-READ VERSION**

Reducing poverty in Glasgow



# Our vision

The Poverty Leadership Panel's vision is that poverty is made a thing of the past. We want all of us across Glasgow to contribute to significantly reducing poverty and exclusion over the next decade, by acting now.

We want Glasgow to be a place where everyone agrees that poverty is an outrage, and where every person feels that they can be a part of Glasgow.



# About poverty

Poverty is about the lack of things we all need to flourish. These include: money, health, equality, power and hope.

## About the Poverty Leadership Panel

The Poverty Leadership Panel is a group of people who meet to discuss poverty. The group includes people from charities, the Council, the health board, private organisations and people with direct experience of poverty.

The Panel's job is to make sure Glasgow's new plan for tackling poverty is put into action. The plan is divided into six sections that are described in this booklet.



# Having your voice heard

**Everyone in Glasgow can help to stop poverty** and make a difference to the lives of people who live in poverty. We are working hard to make sure that we listen to the voices of as many people as possible.



# Welfare reform

We will reduce the harm being caused to our citizens by welfare reform. Welfare reform is about changes to benefits and services.

**This will include:**

- Making sure people who get benefits can get up to date information.
- Supporting people who are challenging decisions about their benefits.

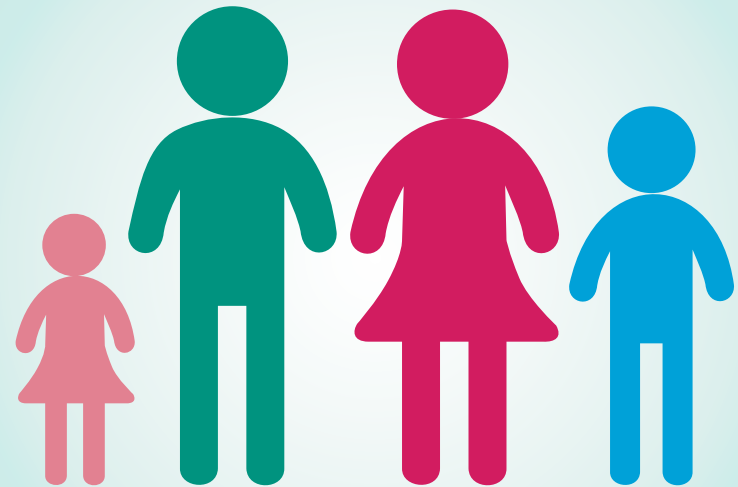


# Child poverty

We will reduce  
child poverty.

**This will include:**

- Making sure the money that families have can go as far as possible.
- Making sure children and young people can influence their schools.



# Work and worth

We will help remove barriers to getting a good job. We will value volunteering.

**This will include:**

- Encouraging employers to pay the living wage. The living wage is an amount of pay that means people can live a decent life.
- Working with employers so they can help people living in poverty to volunteer with them. This could be things like offering practical support to disabled people.
- Making sure there is affordable child care in the city.



# Credit and debt

We will reduce the extra costs of living in poverty.  
We will make sure people can get good advice.

**This will include:**

- Making sure people know about credit unions and how to use them. Credit unions are special types of banks that support people with their money.
- Making sure that people who experience poverty do not pay more than they should for things like banks and electricity.





# Challenging attitudes

We will challenge negative (bad) attitudes about people living in poverty.

**This will include:**

- Training staff who work with people affected by poverty.
- Challenging negative and untrue stories in the media.



# Taking part

We will involve people with direct experience of poverty when we make decisions about our city.

**This will include:**

- Helping local people to come up with ideas and activities.
- Helping organisations to get the opinions and ideas of people who use their services.







A full version of this action plan  
can be found on our website:  
[www.povertyleadershippanel.org.uk](http://www.povertyleadershippanel.org.uk)

