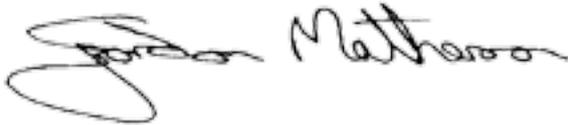


Report Card 2014

As co-chairs of the Poverty Leadership Panel we're pleased to present its first Report Card.

We want the city to know what we're doing about poverty. Local people, community representatives, partner organisations and people with an interest in eradicating poverty are invited to read our report card. Let us know what you think and how you can get involved.

Help us make poverty a thing of the past in our great city.



Gordon Matheson
Co-Chair of the Poverty Leadership Panel
Leader of Glasgow City Council



Ghazala Hakeem
Co-Chair of the Poverty Leadership Panel

The Poverty Leadership Panel

The Panel's job is to steer and monitor the progress of our city's anti-poverty strategy. The Panel is co-chaired by the Leader of Glasgow City Council and a community leader. Other members include representatives from the NHS, Glasgow Housing Association, Glasgow Disability Alliance, Federation of Small Businesses, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the Scottish Human Rights Commission and the Poverty Truth Commission.

Many of the members of the Panel are people who have direct experience of poverty. These individuals have volunteered their time to voice their experiences of living in poverty, and to make sure that the Panel's work is meaningful.

The Panel is clear that poverty is not a natural condition and that it can be overcome by concerted action. This work is our city's way of taking a stand.

It establishes the principle that power must be shared if progress is to be made and that Glaswegians with experience of poverty are best placed to determine what needs to be done.

The Panel has developed an Action Plan and it's being implemented across six priorities. Different organisations in Glasgow are taking the lead in delivering the Action Plan. Their progress is outlined on the next page.

What we achieved in 2013

All of this has been achieved thanks to the involvement of people with experience of poverty.

Theme	Achievements
Challenging welfare reform	Postcards and leaflets on welfare reform developed and handed out through community leaders across the city. Publication of an 'appeals pack' for claimants wanting to challenge benefits decisions. Community events to spread key messages on welfare reform.
Child poverty	Starting the 'cost of the school day' project to ask children and young people in schools about stigma and discrimination related to poverty.
Credit and debt	A summit with energy providers about the cost of energy and the unfair treatment of people with prepayment metres.
Participation of people living in poverty	Two 'flash surveys' to around 1,000 people across the city to ask Glaswegians about their priorities in relation to poverty. Money to third sector organisations to support people with direct experience of poverty be involved in the work. Distribution of the Action Plan to partners and communities. Launch of community based events to listen to local people about their experiences. Launch of website: www.povertyleadershippanel.org.uk
Challenging attitudes to poverty	Development of a survey of staff's attitudes to poverty to help us improve services. Active research with young people to determine their needs.
Work and worth	Lobbying DWP and Home Office about their guidance on volunteering for claimants and asylum seekers

Comments

Glasgow Disability Alliance welcomes the co-production approach which has characterised the development and now implementation of the Panel's work. We're confident that the shared commitment to the Poverty Leadership Panel's vision will make a real contribution to reducing poverty and exclusion. Tressa, Panel member.

Too often the voices of those living in poverty are ignored or marginalised. I've welcomed the opportunity to participate in the Panel's work. I want to help shape Glasgow's response to this unnecessary waste of human potential. Jacqueline, Panel member.

Quite simply we're never going to really address the issues of poverty without the wisdom and experience of people who struggle against it every day. I learn that lesson every day in the people I encounter. I'm glad to also now be learning it as part of our city's Poverty Leadership Panel. Together we can change things – for the better. Martín, Panel member.

If you want to know more or get involved, please go to
www.povertyleadershippanel.org.uk