

# POVERTY TRUTH COMMISSION

**SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE.  
INSPIRE REAL CHANGE.**

Your voice matters in the fight against poverty. The Poverty Truth Commission has been set up to listen to your experiences of financial hardship and to develop actions to help others in our region.

## What is the Poverty Truth Commission?

The Poverty Truth Commission exists to ensure that the voices of people who have experienced poverty are listened to by the people and organisations that have a role in creating solutions.

The Commission is intended as a safe, supported space, in which stories of what it is like to experience financial hardship can be shared and inform action.

Through individuals sharing their experiences (called "Community Commissioners"), the project will improve the understanding of the barriers faced by those living below or close to the poverty threshold, and change perceptions about individuals affected by financial hardship.

## Why we need your support:

- To understand financial hardship we need to listen to the people who have real experience of it
- You should have a say in decisions made by organisations and businesses that impact your community

## Why take part?

- Use your voice to inspire positive action
- Help inform policy changes
- Meet new people
- Grow your skills and networks
- Represent your community



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AUTHORITY**



## Supporting you to take part

The project will be led by Children North East, which has worked with thousands of families impacted by issues related to poverty, and with schools and other organisations across the UK, to provide guidance on how to make services and activities inclusive for everyone, no matter what their financial background.

No Community Commissioner should incur costs for their participation in the project. If you join the Poverty Truth Commission, your travel expenses will be paid and food provided at longer events.

If you do take part, your role in the Commission will last until December 2022. During this time, you will be asked to commit to, on average, one meeting every fortnight.

### Get Involved

Help us tackle poverty for future generations by getting involved with the Poverty Truth Commission. To learn more and show your interest you can contact:

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## Community Commissioner Timeline

