



STOCKTON POVERTY TRUTH COMMISSION



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We start with peoples direct experience of poverty “Speaking truth to power”

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Developing relationships encourages wisdom to be released

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Real solutions to poverty. Working this way can have profound and lasting effects for the people involved

Stockton Poverty Truth Commission sets out with this question:

What if people who have directly faced poverty were involved in decisions about poverty?

This is the question we will be exploring in order to establish Stockton's Poverty Truth Commission. We are inviting you to consider becoming a member of the first Stockton commission.

All you need is to have a desire to see things change.

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INITIAL MEETING

We will come to you or meet somewhere you feel comfortable to talk about the

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MEET OTHERS

Meet regularly with other potential commissioners

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JOIN THE COMMISSION

The Commission starts Autumn 2017



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Poverty Truth Commission - an Introduction

The issue – in a nutshell

The Black Civil Rights Movement in the USA would not have made progress had white people dominated its leadership. Similarly the Feminist Movement would not have achieved what it has, had men been running the show. And so a movement to tackle poverty needs to have people who experience it at its heart if real change is to be achieved. *Nothing about Us without Us is for Us.*

The story to date:

Scotland's Poverty Truth Commission and Leeds Poverty Truth Challenge operate with a very similar model, underpinned by the same principles. They both bring together two distinct groups of people: senior civic, political and business leaders; and an equal number of people who struggle against poverty on a daily basis. They focus on: building relationships; encouraging change within the organisations, institutions and communities that the commissioners come from; developing shared work between the two different groups of commissioners; and making policy proposals around key areas of anti-poverty work identified through the experience and knowledge of the commissioners.



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Dates for commissioners:

Civic and Business commissioners meeting

Wednesday, 13th December at 10:30

Newtown Community Resource Centre, Durham Road,
TS19 0DE

For those who have signed up to become part of the Stockton Poverty Truth Commission following the launch

All Commissioners meeting

Monday 29th January at 11:00

Newtown Community Resource Centre, Durham Road,
TS19 0DE

All the commissioners -

those with direct experience of poverty (testifiers) and civic and business leaders - will meet together. It will be an opportunity for stories of poverty to be told. Then all the commissioners will decide on the 3 issues the commission will tackle. Follow up meetings will be agreed to look at the issues in more depth. There will also be a number of full gatherings of all the commissioners throughout this period.

Steering Group Members

- Thrive
- Rev Bill Braviner
- Stagecoach
- Cummins
- Paul Williams MP Stockton South
- Trussell Trust
- Alex Cunningham MP Stockton North
- JRF (Sarah Irving)