

Tackling Poverty Summit

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Awareness, Action and Advocacy



29 June 2021, 9.30am – 12.30pm

Zoom Details: Meeting ID: 988 4747 9447 Passcode: 372577

Connecting local partners to tackle poverty through raising awareness of its impact and assisting services that provide support in local communities.

With one fifth of the UK population experiencing poverty and the economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic not yet fully realised, this is more important now than ever.

Tackling poverty is the responsibility of multiple sectors, for example social welfare, housing, education, economic development. By examining the District Council's role specifically, however, we can consider both its immediate role through the services it provides, and the wider role as an anchor institution and partner 'in place', working alongside and influencing other partners to take further action to tackling poverty.

The intended outcome of this event is to raise **awareness**, identify and agree practical **actions**, and being strong **advocates** using our collective voice to tackle poverty.

Programme:

1.	Welcome /Aim of Summit	Cllr Cynthia Palmer, Chairman of MHDC	9.30am
2.	Framing COVID 19	Hayley Durnall, Public Health Amanda Smith, Head of Community Services, MHDC	9.40am
3.	The story from Foodbanks and Community Pantries	Sarah Richards, Trussell Trust	9.50am
		Peter Buchanan, Malvern Hills Foodbank	10.00am
4.	From Crisis Support to Prevention Services	Marie Henry, Chief Officer South Worcestershire Citizens Advice	10.10am
		Denise Ditchburn, Debt Coach, Christians Against Poverty	10.15am
		Sarah Walton, Community Development Manager Action for Children	10.20am
Break - 10min			

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Programme Continued:

5.	Providing skills & employability support	Gwyn Sherriff, Partnership Manager, Department for Work and Pensions	10.35am
		Cllr Daniel Walton, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, MHDC	10.45am
		Nick Bennett, Job Coach, Rooftop Housing	10.55am
6.	Delivering quality & affordable housing	Laura Marshall, Principal Housing Officer, MHDC	11.00am
		Clare Greensall, Head of Localities, Platform Housing	11.10am
		Rachel Jones, Act on Energy	11.15am
7.	Action Focused Workshops:		11.20am
8.	Workshop Feedback:		12.00am
9.	Stigma, Shame and Poverty: How can we change the toxic narrative on poverty?	Andy Lymer Christians Against Poverty / Aston University	12.15pm
10.	Summing Up / Next Steps	Cllr Sarah Rouse, Leader of MHDC	12.25pm
Close 12.30pm			

Workshop Sessions

Please confirm which session you would like to attend by Friday 25 June.

1.	Connecting Crisis Support to Prevention Services	12 noon Facilitated by Marie Henry
2.	Conquering the Barriers to Unemployment	12 noon Facilitated by Gwyn Sherriff
3.	Providing Stable Homes	12 noon Facilitated by Laura Marshall



For more information

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