



Sheffield Poverty Truth Summer 2024 Update

Many thanks to you all for your continued interest and encouragement on the journey towards establishing a Poverty Truth Commission in Sheffield.

It has been a while since our last communication with you, so we just wanted to give you short update on where we are up to with things.

It is fair to say that things have moved along very nicely in the last few months. Our Facilitation Team, Andy Freeman and Zara Makinta have done an incredible job of bringing together a fabulous group of Community Commissioners. These people are from a range of different backgrounds and regions of Sheffield and have amazing stories to tell about their lived experience of the struggle against poverty and are really keen to share their story with the City in order to try and ensure that we can learn from their experience. They are currently working with our Facilitation Team to build solidarity within the group and to work out how they want to communicate their stories to the City.

Our Community Commissioners are as follows:

Britney Jackson
Dean Fowler
Olina Fuseini
Tawanda Wilster Mafoti

Chloe Firth
Jess Thompson
Sarah Clayton

Chloe Nicol
Jonathan Davis
Taha Saleh



We are also really delighted to have gathered together an amazing group of Civic & Business Leaders, who have agreed to journey with us through this process. Not only do this group of people have a significant amount of influence and experience through their working roles, they have also have an incredible willingness to learn with us and have a real desire to work for lasting change in our City.

Our Civic and Business Commissioners are as follows:

Angela Foulkes
Emma Latimer
Kate Josephs
Lauren Poultney
Salma Yasmin

Anthony Hinchcliffe
Cllr Fran Belbin
Katrina Ritchie
Leon Smith
Stephen Betts

Darren Pearce
John Barber
Larry Gould
Martin McKervey



Our Launch event has been confirmed for Thursday 26th September from 18.00-20.00. This will be held at The Library By Lounge, 10 Leeds Road, Attercliffe, S9 3TY and will be an opportunity for our Community Commissioners to share their stories of what life has been like for them and to help us to understand what life can be like for people experiencing a struggle against poverty in Sheffield. We would love it if you could attend and to be a part of this very significant event for our City. Tickets can be booked by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sheffield-poverty-truth-launch-tickets-949012490907?aff=oddtcreator>

The Commission will then commence their work in October 2024, with a view to working together until the end of 2025 to look at what they can do to affect lasting change for the people of Sheffield.

As a supporter of Sheffield Poverty Truth, we know you may be keen to help but at this point we need to step back and allow the Commissioners space to deliberate. However, you can continue to promote the voices of people with lived experience of poverty in your life/work and be ready to help enact the recommendations when they emerge. We will keep you in the loop as to how you might do this as things move along. Thank You for your continued support of this project and we look forward to sharing the next stages of the journey with you.

If you have any questions or feel that you can support with any of the stages of this process, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Your friends at the Sheffield Poverty Truth Team

Pam Daniel (Chair)
Colin Havard
Lucy Warren
Ryan Wileman

Andy Freeman
Debbie Mathews
Martin McKervey
Zara Makinta

Charlotte Killeya
James Martin
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