



Understanding Experiences of Poverty in Edinburgh: City-Wide Research with Key Communities of Interest

The Poverty Alliance have been commissioned by the [Edinburgh Poverty Commission](#) at Edinburgh City Council to conduct research to explore people's experiences of poverty in Edinburgh. The aim of this research is to identify the issues experienced by people affected by poverty in Edinburgh, how these issues impact on their lives and what they feel needs to change. The research involves three-stages:

1. Mapping and community engagement (May – June 2019):

- Mapping of third sector, community organisations across four localities focused on key communities of interest (including lone parents, people with disabilities, people with chronic health conditions, migrants, BME communities, people affected by homelessness, people affected by mental health difficulties).
- Meetings and a third sector forum with third sector organisations to (i) promote awareness of the Edinburgh Poverty Commission and the research; (ii) enable a discussion space for stakeholders to bring forward their views on the specific nature of poverty in Edinburgh and (iii) approach them to act as gatekeepers to identify people with experience of poverty to take part in the qualitative research project.

2. Focus groups and interviews (July – October 2019)

- Focus groups: eight focus groups across four Edinburgh localities and two thematic focus groups (e.g. lone parents, experiences of in work poverty). Focus groups will be focused on shared experiences of poverty in Edinburgh, how people feel about poverty in their local area, access to services, perceptions of current issues and what needs to change.
- Interviews: approx. 20 interviews with people with experience of poverty to gain a more in-depth insight to people's individual experiences.

3. Community hearings (September and November 2019)

- These will involve individuals who have participated in the research providing direct evidence to members of the Commission.

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