



How are Families Experiencing Poverty in Fermanagh and Omagh?

Poverty is not just something that happens to others, it can happen to almost anyone, life changes such as unemployment, illness or family separation can happen to us all. Any of these life changes combined with Northern Ireland's challenging economic situation can easily topple families into poverty.

Tinson and MacInnes, (2016) monitoring poverty and social exclusion in Northern Ireland found that:

- Northern Ireland has not experienced the same strong employment performance as Great Britain, only now reaching pre-recession levels.
- The overall employment rate in NI is five percentage points lower than in GB. For some groups, the gap is much wider.
- Average weekly pay is lower in Northern Ireland than a decade ago (after inflation).
- The employment rate is significantly lower for young people, disabled people and lone parents in Northern Ireland than in Great Britain (12% lower for young adults, 12% lower for lone parents and 15% lower for disabled people).

This brings with it complex issues such as food poverty. It affects those living on low incomes, with limited access to transport and poor cooking skills while many people in the same situation continue to have a healthy diet in spite of these obstacles.

In 2012, Barnardo's carried out research which found that low income families struggle at certain times of the year and often end up paying extra for basics, like food, activities and utilities. Targeted support could make a real difference to the quality of life for many children. Holidays

can become a time of 'survival' for many families particularly for families' eligible for free school meals during the year and compensating families for the loss of this could make a real difference

If you are interested in coming together with others to discuss how families are experiencing poverty in Fermanagh and Omagh please join us or pass this invite onto others who may be also interested.

Breakfast, Networking and Information Sharing

Where We Will Together Ask

How Are Families Experiencing Poverty in Fermanagh and Omagh?

Kindly hosted by Fermanagh & Omagh LPG and Western Area Outcomes Group

Friday, 25th May, 2018 at 9.00 am

The Aisling Centre, 37 Darling Street, Enniskillen, BT74 7DP

Breakfast Baps Served: 9.00 am - 9.30am

Information Sharing Session: 9.30-11.30am

Networking Opportunity – 11.30 -12.00pm

For catering purposes we would be grateful if you could inform us if you would like to attend and if you have any dietary requirements

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