

We believe we can tackle poverty better if the people who experience it are directly involved in decision making

We are looking for civic/public service leaders that are:



willing to take time to collaborate, alongside other leaders, with people with lived experience of poverty



able to commit to a 15-month programme: meeting approx 3-4 hrs monthly, July 2024-Sept 2025 (exact dates tbc)



happy to take part as a commissioner if your service/policy area is chosen as a focus by lived experience participants



happy to recruit participants through your teams (not required but would be appreciated)

Interested? Email Andrea and James:
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What?

A poverty truth commission seeks to discover the answer to the question, *'What if people who struggled against poverty were involved in making decisions about tackling poverty?'*

Around half of the commissioners are people with a lived experience of the struggle against poverty. The other half are decision makers within the Town, District and County.

Collectively they will come together to build relationships and create a shared understanding of the nature of poverty in Ilfracombe and the underlying issues that create it. They will then explore ways of addressing issues and improving services and policy. See <https://onenortherndevon.co.uk/poverty-truth-ilfracombe/> for more information.

How? Over 4 phases

1. ENGAGE - Enabling conversations, promoting deep listening, building relationships
2. EXPLORE - Sense-making, shared understanding, co-creating recommendations and civic leader pledges
3. EXPERIMENT - Task groups, test & learn based on recommendations
4. EMBED - Work continues to help civic leaders make good on any pledges, embedding what they have learnt into their services, communities, and organisations

When? (exact time/dates tbc)

- Community commissioner (lived experience) recruitment ends 31 Jan 2024
- Working with community commissioners to support them to share stories and develop themes (Feb-May 2023)
- Civic leaders join commission from June 2024 till August 2025
- Meet monthly for 3-4 hrs
- During the *Experiment* phase (Nov'24-May'25) the full commission will meet every other month to update on progress and will split into smaller task & finish groups in between
- Attend two events: Opening event (June 2024), Closing event (Sept 2025)