

Dear supporter of Sheffield Church Action on Poverty,

I am writing to bring to your attention an initiative of real importance.

Challenge Poverty Week (England and Wales) is an initiative launched by Church Action on Poverty and will be from 11-17 October, 2021. It aims:

- To build awareness and support for sustainable responses to the pandemic that focus on enhancing the dignity and agency of people in poverty.
- To raise voices in unison against poverty and shine a light on visions for a more just, compassionate and opportunity filled country.
- To show what is already being done at community level to challenge and alleviate poverty.
- To challenge the conversation around poverty and help end the stigma.

There are numerous ways that your church could get involved, such as the seven listed below and for more details on them access the resource pack in the link below.

- Meet your MP.
- Host a discussion event.
- Take to the streets.
- Get creative.
- Speak up on social media.
- Speak to your local media.

As part of this initiative, Sheffield's Church Action on Poverty is holding an urban pilgrimage on Saturday 16 October that members of your church are welcome to join. We shall meet at 9.30 am at Church of Christ Darnall and walk around the area, learning about the challenges facing people in Darnall and about various projects, including a community allotment and a project which brings Christians and Muslims together. The pilgrimage will end at Church of Christ by 3 pm. For more information, please contact Briony Broome (email:briony.broome@hotmail.co.uk).

I also attach as below the link to the resource pack that Church Action on Poverty have produced which provides additional information on the Challenge Poverty Week.

You can access it here <https://challengepoverty.co.uk/resources/>

Challenge Poverty Week England and Wales:

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If you want to know more about it and how your church might contribute, you could email me as Chair of Sheffield's Church Action on Poverty and I would be happy to respond to any queries you may have.

Kind regards,

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