

The Poverty Alliance Annual Report 2004/2005



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Convenors Report

This has to have been the year when poverty got famous. With a quarter of a million marching through Edinburgh in July to 'Make Poverty History', and many millions worldwide watching Bob Geldof's multi-location entertainment extravaganza Live8, nobody could maintain ignorance about world poverty.

Of course, campaigners and commentators alike recognise that acknowledging poverty exists is pretty pointless if it is not followed up by robust action. Most were disappointed by the G8's narrow promises delivered at Gleneagles – too little, too late. The recently-concluded World Summit at the UN only underscores that disappointment. The rich world, it would appear, is committed to 'business as usual,' while the majority world continues to be forced into the role of supplicant at the palace gates.

The Poverty Alliance can, however, take heart from the resounding call for 'Justice, not Charity!' issued by Kumi Naidoo, chair of the Global Call for Action Against Poverty. Since its inception the Alliance has maintained that poverty is an abuse of human rights, and sought to locate anti-poverty work securely within the call for universal human rights.

While the right to freedom from torture, the right to freedom from arbitrary detention, and the right to freedom of thought and of expression (for example) receive greater public attention, it is clear that poverty denies people their right to a standard of living adequate for their health and well-being, their right to work, and their right to participate in the cultural life of their community (to take three examples). 'Economic, Social, and Cultural' rights can be seen as the poor relations of Political rights, but the fundamental principle of the indivisibility of rights dictates that governments cannot pick and choose which rights they will protect and promote; all these rights, like all people, are equal.

Keeping this in mind, The Poverty Alliance is keen to encourage the citizens of Scotland to participate in the life of the Alliance. If we

are to operate as a 'policy bridge' between the people and the government, we must build firm foundations on both banks. The Scottish Executive has shown its support for the Alliance in agreeing significant financial support for our work. Communities and people affected by poverty continue to play a pivotal role in the life of the Alliance – the very encouraging turn out at events like the launch of our Community Planning Toolkit provides evidence that people value the brilliant work that the Alliance staff do.

There is no room, however, for complacency. In order to fulfil the role it has set for itself, the Alliance needs your involvement. Anti-poverty organisations and individuals active within the field continue to play a crucial role on the Alliance's Board, but we recognise that we need to do more, to reach out wider, and to develop innovative and appropriate avenues for engagement.

To end on a personal note, at the end of three years as Convener of the Alliance's Board, it is now time for me to stand down. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members of our staff and Board from whom I have learned a great deal. It hasn't been the easiest task, but it has been an extremely fulfilling one. I look forward to supporting the work of The Poverty Alliance in new and exciting ways, alongside the many, many citizens who share our commitment to Making Poverty History.

Milind Kolhatkar
Convener

Directors Report

The Poverty Alliance is committed to change in the distribution of opportunities, resources and power in society in favour of those who are the least empowered, especially the residents of Scotland's most deprived communities. We see this change as a necessary feature of the movement towards an inclusive society and a sustainable future for Scotland. Our contribution towards bringing this about is:

- To empower people living in poverty to combat poverty on their own behalf.
- To build the capacity of agencies to work effectively with people who are seeking to combat poverty on their own behalf.
- To support the development of social policies that promote social justice and combat poverty.

Our work is made possible by core funding from the Scottish Executive, funding from local authorities, grants from charitable organisations and trusts and by earned income from the delivery of capacity building services.

Introduction: The past year has been one of consolidation and learning for the Poverty Alliance. Pressures of funding and delivery mean that many voluntary organisations rarely have the time for reflection on what it is they are doing and why. With a three year core funding arrangement with the Scottish Executive and project funding from Communities Scotland for the CAP Network both coming to an end in March 2005, 2004-05 presented the Alliance with an ideal opportunity to take stock of what had been achieved over the last three years.

The reviews carried out into both our core work and the CAP Network have shown that there is much with which the Alliance can be satisfied with. Some of the key messages coming out of the review of the core of our work are that the issues that we have sought to highlight remain important to our members and those with whom we work. Issues around the adequacy of incomes, not just of welfare benefits, remain of crucial importance to our members. For those who worked closely with the Alliance there was a strong endorsement of the quality of the information they received from the Alliance and of the valuable role we play in linking Scottish, UK and European anti-poverty issues. Another message that came through clearly was the need to ensure a wider and more diverse membership base for the Alliance, and the need to ensure that members are more actively engaged in the life of the Alliance. It is also clear from both reviews that the challenge of creating meaningful participation

for some groups in the development of the Poverty Alliance is yet to be met. This is a challenge that the current board and staff of the Alliance are committed to realising.

The reviews have given the staff and board of the Alliance an opportunity to look at where we now go as an organisation. We are currently in the fortunate position of having a renewed three year funding agreement with the Scottish Executive, and a clearer, more detailed workplan that will help us achieve more over the coming year. Although dedicated funding for the CAP Network has ended and future development thus undecided, we are optimistic that there is the potential for further work."

There are two individuals who have played an important role in the life of the Alliance over the last few years who deserve special recognition. Our outgoing Convenor, Milind Kolhatkar, has provided leadership to the Alliance through some years of organisational change. His thoughtful approach to the challenges facing the Alliance has ensured that we have managed to meet them and emerge stronger. We hope that he remains an active and committed member of the Alliance.

During the last few months we have also lost Professor Robina Goodlad, who passed away in June after a short illness. Robina had long been a friend and supporter of the Poverty Alliance, and over the last two years had served on the board of the Alliance as a co-opted member. Despite a significant workload as Co-Director of the Scottish Centre for Research on Social Justice at the University of Glasgow, Robina gave a great deal to the Alliance over the last two years. Not only did she bring an intellectual rigour to the discussions at the board meetings, but she also provided real support to the organisation during a period of change. She will be missed not only by the staff and board of the Alliance, but by all those who are working towards a more socially just Scotland. A memorial fund has been set up in Robina's name. To make a donation please visit www.gla.ac.uk/urbanstudies/news/RobinaMemorialTrust.pdf

As usual, the Alliance continues to face numerous challenges in the year ahead. However, we are confident that we can build on the successes of the last year to ensure that the organisation and its members play an increasing role in the development of anti-poverty policies in Scotland.

Peter Kelly
Director

Delivering on Objectives: April 2004 – March 2005

Working with Communities

Communities Against Poverty Network

Providing and supporting opportunities for people active in their communities to influence the development of anti-poverty policy has been a key part of the Poverty Alliance's programme of work for many years. Whilst always recognising that there are numerous ways and processes through which to exert influence, a central part of the strategy has been supporting the development of the Communities Against Poverty (CAP) Network. In March 2005 funding from Communities Scotland to support the CAP Network came to an end. A review of the CAP Network was carried out by West Dunbartonshire CVS prior to the conclusion of the funding agreement with Communities Scotland. The review showed that although there was much achieved during the previous years, difficulties in developing a working governance structure for the network, as well as apparent confusion regarding the aims and future direction of the network, prevented further development.

Following the end of funding from Communities Scotland, there are no longer dedicated resources to support the development of the CAP Network. Despite this lack of resources, the Poverty Alliance is keen to ensure that the learning that has taken place is not lost. Given the emergence of the new Community Voices Network the Alliance is looking at how it can best take forward the goals of the Communities Against Poverty Network.

Over the coming months we will be working with members and supporters of the CAP Network to look at a range of options. As we consider these issues we will continue to work with members of communities experiencing disadvantage through a range of activities similar to those shown below.

Get Heard: The Alliance has been working for some time to ensure greater and more effective community participation in the development of national anti-poverty policy. One area where progress has been made is in work around the National Action Plans on Social Inclusion, a statement of the UK government's approach to tackling poverty and exclusion produced by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). The Poverty Alliance has been actively involved in a UK wide project, Get Heard, to support greater participation in the development of the next NAP in 2006. The Alliance has secured funding from the Church of Scotland Priority Areas Committee to help implement the Get Heard Toolkit. The project was launched at a conference in Glasgow in March, with more than 80 people attending from across Scotland.

The project has been working with community organisations to find out what is working, what is not and what needs to change with respect to anti-poverty policy. The results of this work will be fed into the development of the next NAP in 2006. We expect that more than 30 workshops will have been carried out by the end of the first phase of the project in November 2005. During the next phase of the work we will be:

- seeking to consolidate the many new contacts that have been made during the life of the project;
- begin an assessment of the impact made in anti-poverty policy at the UK level;
- feedback the results of involvement to all those who have been involved in the Get Heard project in Scotland; and
- ensure that appropriate messages regarding anti-poverty policies are transferred to policy makers in Scotland.

A steering group has been set up for this

project including representatives from Govan Initiative, Scottish Accessible Transport Forum, the Scottish Executive, Community Health Exchange, Glasgow City Council SWD, and the Church of Scotland. For more information on this project please contact Lynn Burnett: lynn.burnett@povertyalliance.org

Consultation responses: A number of consultation responses have been submitted by the Poverty Alliance following work with members of community based organisations. These include the response to the Food Standard Agency's Food and Low Income consultation, HM Treasury's consultation on the New Deal for Skills (submitted jointly with Moray Against Poverty Network), a submission to the Scottish Parliament's Enterprise Committee Inquiry into Arts in the Community, and a response to the Cultural Commission. A joint consultation meeting with the Scottish Human Rights Centre on a Cultural Bill of Rights was held with activists in Edinburgh. Copies of these responses are available from the Poverty Alliance's website.

Networks: The Alliance continues to support a community activist to attend regular meetings of the UK Coalition Against Poverty. The Alliance provided support for a delegation of seven community activists to attend the 3rd Meeting of People with Experience of Poverty conference in Brussels hosted by the Irish Presidency of the European Commission in May 2004. The Alliance also supported two community activists to attend a meeting of the all Party Parliamentary Group on Poverty at Westminster.

Images: During 2004-05 the Poverty Alliance received funding from the Scottish Arts Council to run the Images project in partnership with Streetlevel photography and Big Word. This project provided training in photography and creative writing to 32 people from Glasgow and Dumfries and Galloway, allowing them to explore what poverty and social exclusion meant to them. In addition to creating an online resource of words and images (available on the Poverty Alliance website by following the No Picnic link - www.povertyalliance.org), the

project culminated in a launch night at the Tramway Theatre in Glasgow in June 2004. This launch, which was attended by more than 100 people, involved an installation based on the work and a performance by participants in the project. The exhibition also visited the Scottish Parliament where a repeat performance took place. Thanks are due to Jackie Ballie MSP and Chris Balance MSP for helping ensure that the Images project visited the Parliament. In addition to visiting the Parliament the installation also toured a number of community based venues across Scotland in the latter half of 2004. In all, around 2,000 people are estimated to have seen the exhibition during the tour.

In addition to the direct benefits of the project to those who took part, there have been a number of additional benefits. A writers group was formed in Dumfries to help continue the work of those who had been involved in the Images project. This group has been successful in obtaining funding from Awards for All to sustain their work. Photographs from the project have been used by a wide variety of organisations to illustrate the reality of poverty, including the Centre for Contemporary Arts in Glasgow, the Big Issue and the Scottish centre for Urban Regeneration. Discussions with those who had taken part in the project also formed the basis of responses submitted by the Poverty Alliance to the Enterprise and Culture Committee Inquiry into Arts in the Community, and the consultation by the Cultural Commission. For further information on the Images project contact Rachel Jury: rachel.jury@povertyalliance.org

Community Planning Project: This project, funded by Communities Scotland through SCVO, was launched in March 2004. This year long project aimed to enhance the ability of community and voluntary sector organisations tackling poverty to influence the Community Planning agendas in North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire and Glasgow. The key output of this project was a Community Planning Toolkit to help communities have a greater say in community planning locally.

Key elements of the project included a mapping exercise of the community planning and community engagement structures in the three local authority areas covered by the project; the production of briefing sheets covering the aims and objectives of our project, an introduction to Community Planning, local community planning structures and how to tackle poverty through Community Planning; and the publication of a Community Planning Toolkit "You Plan It" This toolkit has been designed to help community organisations raise poverty related issues in the Community Planning process. The toolkit was launched at a successful conference in Glasgow with more than 100 delegates in attendance.

The project worked with a number of community organisations and networks in the target areas, and we are particularly grateful for the support provided by Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector, Association of Local Voluntary Organisations (ALVO) in South Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire Volunteer Development Agency (NLVDA), Community and Voluntary Organisations Council (CAVOC), North Lanarkshire North Council of Voluntary Service (NLNCVS) and Monklands Area Voluntary Service (MAVS) in North Lanarkshire. There is clearly enthusiasm amongst many community organisations for becoming more involved in Community Planning. However the project also showed that there remain low levels of awareness of the opportunities that are available to become involved. We are actively working to ensure that as many groups have access to community planning as possible and will continue to support groups to use the Toolkit in the year ahead. For further details contact Isabelle Gray: isabelle.gray@povertyalliance.org

Other work with communities: A member of staff has worked with REACH Community Health Project on their SCARF (Scottish Community Action Research Fund) funded participatory research project. REACH is a black and minority ethnic led community health project based in Govanhill in Glasgow. The research has looked at the potential barriers

facing people from black and ethnic minority communities in accessing health services. In addition to serving on the advisory group for the research, the Alliance provided training on research methodologies and data analysis to the co-researchers involved in the project.

Building Agency and Professional Capacity

Following the development of a revised set of Poverty Awareness Training materials in 2003-04 the Alliance has been working with broad range of organisations. These materials exist to help policy makers, students, trainees and practitioners recognise and challenge negative and discriminatory attitudes to people in poverty and to better engage with disadvantaged communities. A number of training sessions have been carried out over the last year including:

- Council and SIP staff in West Dunbartonshire;
- Social Work Students at the University of Glasgow;
- Council staff at Perth and Kinross Council;
- Council and voluntary sector staff in Dumfries and Galloway;
- Community Development staff in Glasgow
- Students at Glasgow Caledonian University

Feedback from the sessions has been very positive and we hope to extend the coverage of Poverty Awareness Training in 2005/06. For further details contact Isabelle Gray: isabelle.gray@povertyalliance.org.

Influencing Social Policy

As in previous years the Poverty Alliance has worked through a range of different forums and activities in order to influence social policy. This section of the report focuses on the Poverty Alliance's involvement in a wide range of partnerships to influence the development of social policies. Much of the work referred to under 'Working with

Communities' can also have an impact on the development of improved social policies, particularly the responses to consultations and joint meetings between policy makers and communities. It should be noted that our policy capacity has been somewhat reduced over the last two years due to the decision not to fill the post of Policy and Information Manager. Increasing the policy and research capacity of the organisation will be a key goal for the Poverty Alliance over the next year, particularly building on the work carried out by our Policy Officer intern, Lynn Burnett.

In addition to the work outlined below the Poverty Alliance also hosted a placement from the Philippines, Musa Sanguila. Musa is the Executive Director of a NGO working in the field of peace and reconciliation, PAKIDAT, and also serves on the National Anti-Poverty Commission in the Philippines. He was in the UK for three months looking at Government and civil society relationships as part of a fellowship programme, funded by the Foreign Office and based at the Active Learning Centre at the University of Glasgow. During his placement Musa looked at how the Alliance engages with government and the role of advocacy in tackling poverty. He completed his placement with a short seminar on his work in the Philippines.

We have continued to play a leading role in attempts to establish an ongoing dialogue with policy makers regarding the development of the National Action Plan on Social Inclusion. We have provided strong support for the Social Policy Task Force (SPTF) to engage with DWP officials in the future development of the NAP and related issues. The SPTF is a group formed by the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) and the UK Coalition Against Poverty (UKCAP) and is made up of a number of anti-poverty organisations from across the UK. During the last year the Poverty Alliance has attend regular meetings with the DWP and the SPTF in London, Manchester, Belfast and has hosted meetings in Glasgow. Engagement with the SPTF allows us to maintain an active dialogue with the DWP and to lobby them on key issues. Through

the SPTF the Alliance was able to gain representation on the Steering Group for the European Round Table on Social Exclusion due to take place in Glasgow in October 2005.

In addition to the work with the SPTF, the Poverty Alliance has continued to work with the UK Coalition Against Poverty and provides Scottish representation on the Board of UKCAP. Robin Tennant is currently vice chair of the Board of UKCAP. Our engagement with the UKCAP allows us to maintain a close connection with anti-poverty networks across the UK and to coordinate lobbying efforts towards the UK Government.

The Poverty Alliance has continued to engage with anti-poverty and social inclusion policy at the European level. In addition to being members of the UK Liaison Group of EAPN (UKLG), the Poverty Alliance coordinated the UK contribution to a major European Conference – the Third Meeting of People with Experience of Poverty – in May 2004. The conference was part of the Irish Presidency of the European Union and was attended by over 130 participants from across Europe including Ministers from Ireland, Belgium and Luxembourg and representatives of the European Commission. The Alliance worked with seven delegates from across the UK, including one from Scotland, to ensure an effective contribution to the conference.

In the run up to the European elections in June 2004 the Poverty Alliance distributed the EAPN election Manifesto to all of the prospective candidates in an attempt to ensure that the issue of poverty was addressed during the campaign. The Alliance was a member of the Scottish Mobilising Committee for the European Social Forum (ESF), held in London in October 2004. In addition we also worked with EAPN England and EAPN in Brussels to organise a seminar at the ESF in October 2004. Alliance staff members also played active roles in the General Assembly of EAPN in Groningen in the Netherlands in November 2004, and provided a speaker for a conference on the Open Method of Coordination in Bulgaria in

December 2004. For further details on the European work of the Poverty Alliance contact Peter Kelly peter.kelly@povertyalliance.org .

Campaigning work

In 2004-05 the Poverty Alliance maintained its commitment to the Free School Meals Campaign. Following the re-launch of the campaign in March 2004, with the Poverty Alliance, One Plus, CPAG and the Scottish Youth Parliament taking a leading role in the campaign, we have supported efforts to increase cross party support for the Bill. We have helped organise fringe meetings at the Scottish National Party annual conference in Inverness and the spring conference of the Scottish Liberal Democrats in Perth. For further information regarding the Free Schools Meals Campaign contact Rachel Jury. Rachel.jury@povertyalliance.org .

The Alliance also supported the Stand Together, Oppose Poverty (STOP) campaign in 2004. This campaign aimed to raise awareness about poverty in Scotland and to encourage communities to take action against it. The campaign worked towards a major event in Glasgow on 17 October 2004, the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Other organisations involved in the campaign included Glasgow Braendam Link, WestGAP and Oxfam.

In the run up to the UK general election in May 2005 the Alliance worked with a range of organisations to campaign for key changes. We supported the publication of the manifestos produced by the End Child Poverty campaign and by the Maternity Alliance. We also worked with a number of organisations to produce our own Scottish Poverty Report Card, a full description of which will be given in the next annual report.

Encouraging Debate

An important aspect of the Poverty Alliance's work involves giving talks and presentations to a wide range of groups and organisations on current issues regarding poverty and

social exclusion. This work is crucial in ensuring that the approach to these issues is highlighted to a wider audience and that the particular approach to social inclusion policy in Scotland is better understood. Over the last year talks and presentations have been given to the following groups and organisations. (Please see table at the end of the report)

We are grateful to all the organisations that have invited the Poverty Alliance to address their meetings and conferences throughout the last year.

In 2004-05 Poverty Alliance members of staff have continued to be involved in a wide range of groups and networks. These ensure that the concerns of the Alliance are widely understood and the arguments we present are widely disseminated.

- Member of the Cross Party Cross Parliamentary Group on Debt
- Community Health Exchange Advisory Committee
- Scottish Centre for Research on Social Justice Advisory Committee
- Scottish Community Action Research Fund Advisory Group
- Scottish Women's Convention Poverty subgroup
- Advisory Group for 'Monitoring Poverty and Social Exclusion in Scotland 2004'
- GCVS Community Planning Working Group
- Member of DWP Advisory Group for the EU Roundtable on Social Exclusion
- Advisory Group for Child Poverty Action Group Scotland
- Board member of the UK Coalition Against Poverty
- Member of SCVO Policy Officer Network
- Member of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Poverty
- Member of the Social Policy Task Force
- Member of the UK Liaison Group of the European Anti-Poverty Network
- Member of the Gender and Regeneration Network

Media Work

In addition to public speaking engagements, the Poverty Alliance also responds to requests from the media. Although issues of poverty and social exclusion are still given little space in policy debates in the media, the Alliance's record in intervening in these debates is improving. Over the last year we have been quoted or interviewed in the following publications: the Sunday Herald, the Herald, the Scotsman, the Evening Times, the Daily Record, the Evening News, the Big Issue, the Metro, the Scottish Daily Mail and the Scottish Daily Express. In addition to the print media we have also made numerous appearances on radio and television. In August 2003 we took part in a series of five programmes which subjected the main party political leaders to cross examination from a range of invited individuals and organisations which were broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland. We have also had appearances on Radio Clyde, Radio Scotland, Clan FM, and SAGA FM.

Publications and Information

ENews: An email based news service was launched in September 2004. This service has received very positive feedback due to the range and quality of information it contains. Over 400 people now receive the Enews, with new contacts being added every week.

Briefing papers: In April 2004 we launched a new briefing service which aimed to give members and supporters detailed but accessible information on current anti-poverty issues. Thus far briefings have been produced on community learning and development, Europe and poverty and the Closing the Opportunity Gap Targets. Issues to be covered in 2005/06 will include Households Below Average Incomes, gender and poverty, employability, income adequacy and council tax reform.

Review: The Alliance published two more editions of the CAP News during 2004/05. The new Scottish Anti-Poverty Review has now gone into production with

a very successful first edition. In addition an editorial group has been set up which includes representatives from CPAG, the Scottish Poverty Information Unit, the Open University, Boghall Community Action Group, Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector and the Glasgow Centre for Population Health.

Working Groups: Progress on the development of our working groups on income adequacy and transitions out of poverty has not taken place. This is due to the reduction in the policy capacity of the Poverty Alliance over the last year. It remains the intention of the organisation to take this work forward and we will be seeking out new resources to allow us to do so in the coming year.

Treasurers Report

During 2004-05 reviews were undertaken of the key sources of the Poverty Alliance's funding. The review of the funding arrangements with the Scottish Executive was completed in November 2004 and a new funding agreement has been agreed for the period until March 2008. This agreement is based on a new set of challenging targets and activities for the Alliance, but is an increase in funding over the previous agreement, and also includes increases in subsequent years to account for inflation.

The funding from Communities Scotland to support the CAP Network was also reviewed during 2004-05. Communities Scotland decided not to renew this funding and have since set up their own Community Voices Network. Over the coming months the Poverty Alliance will look at the lessons learned through the development of the CAP Network and how we can consider at taking this type of work forward.

We continue to receive significant financial support from local authorities, some £69,685 (2003- 2004: £69,485). We are particularly grateful to Glasgow City Council for their continued support of the work of the Poverty Alliance. Over the last year we have also sought to strengthen our relationships

with local authorities in North and South Lanarkshire, West Dunbartonshire, North Ayrshire and Perth and Kinross.

Stabilising core funding has been a priority for the Poverty Alliance during 2004-05, and securing additional project funding has been less of a priority. Over the course of the 2004-05 financial year the Alliance has implemented the Community Planning Project with funds received from the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), and has completed the implementation of the Images project. Over the coming year we will be seeking funding to implement projects that have already been developed, including the Scottish Poverty Watch Project and our peer education project for young people, 'Moving On'.

During 2005-06 we will look to develop our capacity for generating earned income, primarily through training, printing and design, room hire and consultancy work. These earnings will contribute to building the Poverty Alliance's reserves in line with our current policies.

Overall, the Poverty Alliance improved its financial position in 2005-06 by continuing to reduce expenditure in a number of areas and stabilising our core funding. We are grateful to all those organisations, particularly our core funders, who have continued to support the work of the Poverty Alliance. Copies of our audited accounts are available from the Poverty Alliance's Administrator, Poe McHugh poe.mchugh@povertyalliance.org.

We would like to thank all our funders for their support during 2004-05: Scottish Executive, Communities Scotland, Glasgow City Council, North Lanarkshire Council, South Lanarkshire Council, West Dunbartonshire Council, North Ayrshire Council, Perth and Kinross Council, Scottish Enterprise, the Scottish Arts Council, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and the Church of Scotland Priority Areas Committee.

Jim Boyle
Treasurer

Income	£
Scottish Executive	128,096
Local Authorities	69,685
Communities Scotland	53,910
UKCAP	4,500
SCVO (Community Planning)	24,497
Scottish Enterprise	6,500
Scottish Arts Council	12,000
Church of Scotland	1,500
Other Income	13,185
Total	313,873
Expenditure	
Staffing Costs	189,329
Operating Costs	89,860
Total	279,189
Net Surplus	34,684
Balance b/fwd 2003/04	32,117
Balance c/fwd 2004/05	66,801

Staff Team April 2003 - March 2004

Director

Peter Kelly

Fieldwork

Robin Tennant

Fieldwork Manager

Isabelle Gray

Fieldwork Development Officer

Frank McCarter

CAP Coordinator (until March 2005)

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Rachel Jury

Communications Development Officer

Lynn Burnett

Policy Officer (Intern)

Barry Sheridan

Student Placement (June – August 2004)

Administration

Poe McHugh

Administrator

Juliet Grant
Administrative Assistant

Board Members 2004-05

Milind Kolhatakar (Convenor)
Lothian Anti-Poverty Alliance
Sam Eccles (Vice Convenor)
South Lanarkshire Credit Union Network
Jim Boyle (Treasurer)
Glasgow Braendam Link
Peter Kelly (secretary)
The Poverty Alliance
David Reid
Dundee Anti Poverty Forum
Judith Robertson
Oxfam Scotland
Susan Elsley
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Professor Robina Goodlad
Scottish Centre for Research on Social Justice
Grace MacRae
Glasgow Old People's Welfare Association
Mary McLean
Western Isles Healthy Partnership
John Dickie
Child Poverty Action Group
Alistair Blades
Scottish Churches Social Inclusion Network (until February 2005)
Martin Johnstone
Scottish Churches Social Inclusion Network (from March 2005)
Vicky Low
Moray Anti Poverty Network

Members

Ordinary

7.84 Theatre Company Scotland
Barnardo's Scotland
Child Poverty Action Group
Community Led Action & Support Project
Community Partnership Team
Dundee Anti Poverty Forum
Dundee Community Food & Health Network
Edinburgh Voluntary Organisation Council
Energy Action Scotland
G.C.V.S

Glasgow Braendam Link
Glasgow Old Peoples Welfare Association
Glasgow West of Scotland Society for the Blind
Govan Housing Association
Great Northern Partnership
Healthy Castlemilk
Help the Aged
Ladymuir Advice & Information Centre
Linked Work & Training Trust
Lothian Anti Poverty Alliance
Moray Against Poverty Network
Oxfam (Scotland & UK Poverty Programme)
Paisley Threads
Parent Action for Safe Play
PHACE Scotland
Pilton Community Health Project
Rutherglen and Cambuslang CAB
Save The Children Fund
Scottish Churches Social Inclusion Network
Scottish Community Development Centre
Scottish Community Diet Project
Scottish Community Foundation
Scottish Council for Single Homeless
Scottish Human Services Trust
SENSE Scotland
Society of Health Promotion
South Lanarkshire Credit Union Network
Stirling CAB
Tannochside Information & Advice Centre
The Henry George Foundation
The Iona Community
Volunteer Centre North Lanarkshire
Western Isles Health Promotion

Associate

Mr Damian Killeen
Mr Greg Minns
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Aberdeen City Council
Alternative Stress Centre
Angus CAB
Bellsbank Women's Project
Blackburn Seafield & District Credit Union
Bonnar Associates
Cambuslang and Rutherglen Healthy Living
Capital City Partnership
Cassiltoun Housing Association Ltd
CHEX

Community Training And Development Unit
(Forth Valley) Limited
Co-Operative Group
Craigneuk & Wishaw Hill Credit Union
Dalbeattie One Stop Shop Project
Direct Payments Caledonia
Dumfries and Galloway Integrated Service
- Capability Scotland
Dundee City Council
East Dunbartonshire CVS
East Renfrewshire Council
Edinburgh Central Citizens Advice Bureau
Edinburgh Tenants Federation
Falkirk Council - Community Education
Fife Women's Network
Financial Fitness Resource Team
Friends of the Earth Scotland
GCC Social Work Services
Glasgow Association for Mental Health
Glasgow City Council
Grampian Health Board
Grampian Support Forum for Credit Unions
Greater Pollok Healthy Living Initiative
Haddington CAB
Highland Advice & Information Network
International Network of Street Papers
(INSP)
Irvine and District Poverty Action Group
Mid Lothian Advice & Resource Centre
Milton Access Centre
Nithsdale Council for Voluntary Service
North Ayrshire Council
North Lanarkshire Council
Papillon Promotions
Perth & Kinross Council
Pilton Eldely Project & Elder Peoples
Equality Forum
Possil & Milton Forum on Disability
REACH Community Health Project
Renfrewshire Council
Ruchill Community Learning Centre
Scottish Youth Hostels Association
Social Work Services
South Lanarkshire Council
SPACE Dumfries & Galloway
Stirling Health and Wellbeing Alliance
The 'Y' Project Moray
Toonspeak Young Peoples Theatre
Uist Council of Voluntray Organisations
Welfare Rights Service
West Dunbartonshire Council

West Dunbartonshire Partnership
West Lothian Poverty Action Forum
Western Isles Volunteer Centre

Topic	Organiser	Location
Fuel Poverty	Energy Action Conference	Perth
Poverty and Young People	Institute of Contemporary Scotland	Kilmarnock
Workshop facilitation, Community Planning Conference	Glasgow Community Planning Partnership	Glasgow
Poverty and Health	Aberdeen Healthy living Network	Aberdeen
Free School Meals	SNP Conference Fringe Meeting	Inverness
Workshop facilitation	GCVS Conference on Community Planning	Glasgow
Chairperson - 3rd Conference of People with Experience of Poverty	EAPN/Irish Presidency	Brussels, Belgium
Poverty in Scotland	Presentation to group of students from The Hague	Glasgow
Workshop Facilitation	REACH Community Health Project Conference	Glasgow
Social Policy and Poverty	Scottish Social Policy Network	Stirling
Panel member	Scottish Equality and Human Rights Coalition Conference	Glasgow
Measuring Poverty (Chair of workshop)	EAPN General Assembly	Groningen, Netherlands
Income adequacy	UK Coalition Against Poverty Conference	Manchester
The Open Method of Coordination	EU Expansion and Social Inclusion Conference (EZA, European workers rights research network)	Sofia, Bulgaria
Social Justice Policy in Scotland	Dept of Urban Studies, University of Glasgow	Glasgow
Monitoring Poverty and Social Exclusion in Scotland	Scottish Poverty Information Unit, Joseph Rowntree Foundation	Glasgow
Evidence on civic participation	POWER Inquiry	Glasgow
Participation in European Policy	Linked Work and Training Trust/University of Glasgow	Glasgow
Poverty in Scotland	Community Development workers, Glasgow City Council	Glasgow
Sustainability and poverty (workshop facilitation)	Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum Conference	Stirling

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