

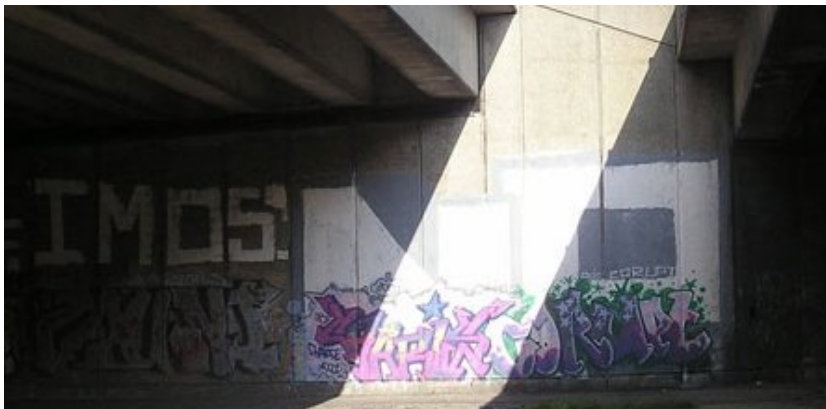
London: ‘The most unequal region in England’

A recent report published by City Parochial Foundation together with the New Policy Institute reveals the true extent of poverty throughout London. *London’s Poverty Profile* sets out to challenge the widespread misconception that contemporary London is a city of wealth and privilege, instead painting a picture of a capital divided by profound inequality.

4in10’s London Development Manager, Liz Thorne, welcomed the report **“This is a fantastic piece of research providing a real insight into the challenges London faces today. London’s Poverty Profile highlights that whilst there has been significant progress to date, both nationally and locally, more needs to be done to ensure London’s children don’t grow up at a disadvantage to their rural peers.”**

The scope of the report goes further than most, throwing up some interesting, yet perhaps unexpected findings. Most notably, whilst child poverty in Inner London is beginning to fall, child poverty in Outer London has been steadily rising since the late 1990s (the only region in the UK to do so). As a result, because of differences in

population in Inner and Outer London, there are now more children living in poverty in Outer London than in Inner London.



However, rather than focus exclusively on the traditional Inner/Outer London ‘divide’, the report instead pays greater attention to the more significant sub-regional disparities. Indeed, inequalities between Inner London ‘sub-regions’ have become increasingly more pronounced over the last decade. Three out of the four worst performing boroughs regarding infant mortality, for example, are found in ‘Inner East & South’, while all but one borough in ‘Inner West’ rank among the top 16 performers in the same category. Moreover, the data presented in the report demonstrates there are also marked inequalities *within* boroughs, particularly with regards to income.

“This research shows the scale of the challenge facing London,” commented Bharat Mehta, City Parochial Foundation’s Chief Executive, **“Behind the famous skylines and historic buildings lies a picture of widespread deprivation.”**

There are, however, also examples of where real progress has been made and even in the worst performing areas lies cause for cautious optimism. For more information, as well as access to a downloadable copy of the full report, please visit <http://www.londonspovetryprofile.org.uk>

Outer West and North West	Barnet Brent Ealing Harrow Hillingdon Hounslow Richmond	Outer South	Bromley Croydon Kingston Merton Sutton	Inner West	Camden Hammersmith & Fulham Kensington & Chelsea Wandsworth Westminster	Inner East & South	Hackney Haringey Islington Lambeth Lewisham Newham Southwark Tower Hamets	Outer East and North East	Barking & Dagenham Bexley Enfield Greenwich Havering Redbridge Waltham Forest
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The five sub-regions of London that London’s Poverty Profile states divide London more than traditional Inner-Outer differences.

Minister Launches London Child Poverty Awards

Stephen Timms, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, visited South Acton Children's Centre on July 23rd 2009 to highlight the important work being undertaken to improve the outcomes for families living in London. The Minister used the opportunity to call for nominations for the forthcoming London Child Poverty Awards 2009, which will reward those organisations and individuals who are working to alleviate child poverty in the capital.

End Child Poverty have joined forces with the Government, London Councils, the Mayor's Fund for London, Working Links, and the London Child Poverty Commission to celebrate the organisations and individuals that are doing the most for the poorest families across the capital, with the hope that this will inspire and encourage others to follow their example.

Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Stephen Timms, said: "For too long organisations and individuals who have worked for struggling families across the capital, have not received the credit they deserve. We aim to put that right. The London Child Poverty Awards 2009 celebrate individuals and organisations already undertaking fantastic work to reduce child poverty. They will serve as an example to inspire others".



Taking part in these awards is a fantastic way of recognising and promoting the good work being done by both individuals and organisations. There are six different awards up for grabs, including the award for 'Outstanding Practitioner' which 4in10 is sponsoring.

Winners will be invited to a special awards ceremony to receive their awards, and their achievements will be publicised to motivate others to contribute to the fight against child poverty. **If you would like to submit a nomination either for your own organisation or on behalf of someone else, forms are available to download from:**

<http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/childpovertyawards>

Thames Water Trust Fund Offers Help with Water Bills

Thames Water has set up a new Charitable Trust and has committed £5 million for the next two years to help people in debt who are unable to pay their water bills. The Trust is run by a board of independent Trustees who have delegated the day to day management of the fund to Auriga Services who already administer several other major grant making charities.

The Trust can give grants, mainly to help with water debt but can also give help towards other priority household bills and costs if Trustees can see this will make a significant difference to someone's budget or quality of life. Grants are not available to pay consumer credit debts such as credit cards, personal loans etc. For more information, applications forms or leaflets give the friendly staff a call on **0845 456 6863** or email to office@twtf.org.uk

Members' Spotlight
A very warm welcome to all of our new members, four of whom are:

- Climate Change Youth Development Trust
- NEWHAM ASIAN WOMEN'S PROJECT
- NottinghillHousing
- Voluntary Action Lewisham
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Those of you who haven't yet completed your registration questionnaires please do so and email them to either liz@ecpc.org.uk or natasha@ecpc.org.uk. If you have any questions please do contact us.

4in10 Campaigns Update

Newham Campaign

4in10's Newham campaign is progressing fast. Last month we held our first training day, equipping organisations with skills to campaign and preparing them for participation in our coming events. Feedback from this was overwhelmingly positive and the event was so popular we are planning to hold it again on Friday 18th September, so that organisations who were unable make the first date have another opportunity to attend.



Next steps for Newham campaigners will begin with our first meeting on Wednesday August 12th, from 15:00 – 17:00 at Stratford Advice Arcade, which all participating Newham organisations are invited to attend. The focus of this meeting will be preparation for our exciting campaign launch later this month.

Westminster Campaign

4in10 has already undertaken an extensive consultation with organisations throughout Westminster and we will be coordinating a campaign training and consultation session on October 2nd for any organisations interested in getting involved. Like the Newham training, this will be offered free of charge and will cover the basics of: Lobbying, public campaigning and working with the media, whilst preparing attendees for involvement in Westminster campaign activities.

Coming soon to our website:

- A brand new campaigns page to keep you up to date with our campaigning activities.
- Our comprehensive five part toolkit to help you launch a child poverty campaign in your borough. Part 2: Summary of the Why?, What? And How? Of Campaigning, is already available to download.

If you work for a community or voluntary organisation and are interested in getting involved with any aspect of campaigns in Newham or Westminster, or would like to find out more about starting a campaign yourself, please contact London Campaigns Officer Natasha Adams; e: natasha@ecpc.org.uk or t: 020 7278 6676.

Upcoming Events

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| 10.08.09 | 4in10 Consultation on the Mayor's Housing Strategy 15:00 – 16:30
This consultation is open to all 4in10 members. Please contact London Development Manager Liz Thorne if you would like to take part: e: liz@ecpc.org.uk or t:020 7278 3404. |
| 18.09.09 | Campaigning for Change 09:30 – 15:30
Campaigns training and consultation in Newham. See above for details. |
| 23.09.09 | Improving Outcomes for London Children in Temporary Accommodation and Social Housing 09:45 – 13:15
Join us for the 3 rd in our popular series of good practice sharing workshops. This workshop will allow you to meet practitioners from across London and learn about projects that are having a positive impact on the lives of London children. To reserve a space, contact London Development Manager Liz Thorne as above. |
| 02.10.09 | Campaigning for Change 09:30 – 15:30
Campaigns training and consultation in Westminster. See campaigns above for details. |
| Mid October | Showcasing how the Voluntary Sector can Support Local Authorities to End Child Poverty
This exciting event, co-ordinated with Government Office for London, London Councils and VCS Engage will explore how third sector organisations can work with councils to meet their targets agreed with national government on issues around child poverty. More information on this event will follow. |
| 16.11.09 | Child Poverty Awards
See page 2 for details. |