

Issues to raise with politicians

Act on Poverty

Poverty is not inevitable, or a choice made by people experiencing it - it's the result of decisions made by people with power and privilege, and perpetuated through unjust attitudes, structures, policies and systems.

Together we can make poverty a priority for those with political power.

What should we be asking politicians and people in power?

Ask them to Act on Poverty globally and locally by using their power and influence. Specifically, ask them to: **Commit to meeting with you or your church, to discuss how you could work together to tackle the structural causes of poverty globally and in the UK.**

Actions that Christian Aid are calling for include:

- Legislation on debt relief for lower income countries.
- Significantly increasing funding (in the form of grants, not loans) to support climate vulnerable countries, in addition to existing UK aid.
- Taxing the profits of fossil fuel companies to help pay for climate finance.
- Halting all new oil and gas developments in the UK, and investing in pathways to good quality, secure green jobs.
- A commitment to the pursuit of just peace and action to resolve global conflicts.

The Let's End Poverty movement are calling on all political leaders in the UK to make ending UK poverty a core priority by:

- Committing to urgent action to stop rising poverty in the UK;
- Developing a coordinated, long-term plan to end UK poverty in collaboration with people with direct experience of poverty.

Prepare for your meeting

- Find out more about your political representative's role and their views. How have they voted and acted on poverty? Do they belong to particular committees or other organisations?
- Talk with others in your church to find out what issues they care about. What can you tell your political representative about how your church is addressing poverty, both local and global?

Find out about more about the issues Christian Aid works on and the campaigns they're running at caid.org.uk/Campaigns

Find out more about the UK anti-poverty movement at letsendpoverty.co.uk