



Exploring ways to reduce poverty in New Zealand

At the end of 2015, thirty 18–25 year olds will come together to articulate a youth perspective on the issue of poverty in New Zealand and how we might, as a country, go about tackling it.

Over 72 hours participants will engage with and learn from policy analysts within the New Zealand Treasury, people working in the wider community and individuals who have experienced poverty first-hand.

Discussion questions include:

What does the term poverty mean in 2015?

Do poverty traps exist? If yes, what do these obstacles look like and how do communities find ways to overcome these?

What policy tools have worked in the past and what have not?

What are the underlying trends that are likely to impact on poverty in New Zealand in the next 25 years?

What knowledge and insights are missing from the discussion?

Guest speakers include:

Hon. Paul Goldsmith, Minister for Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Associate Minister for ACC

Dr Girol Karacaoglu, Deputy Secretary – Macroeconomic, International and Economic Research and Chief Economist at the New Zealand Treasury

Dr Ganesh Nana, Executive Director and Chief Economist at BERL (Business and Economic Research Limited)

Max Rashbrooke, editor of *Inequality: A New Zealand Crisis* and author of *The Inequality Debate: An Introduction*

Dame Diane Robertson (DNZM), CEO of the Auckland City Mission

Suzanne Snively (ONZM), Independent Director of the New Zealand Army Leadership Board and 2013 Wellingtonian of the Year

Tania Tapsell, one of New Zealand's youngest councillors and current member of the Ministry of Youth Development's National Youth Advisory Group



The McGuinness Institute is seeking participants who have a wide range of experiences. In order to make the workshop accessible, participants' food and accommodation will be covered during the workshop, as well as travel costs to and from Wellington. Registrations are now open. If you are interested in attending this workshop, or know someone who might be, please visit www.tacklingpovertynz.org or contact the Institute at www.mcguinnessinstitute.org if you have any questions.