

# Pledges to tackle poverty in Salford

## Funding and giving

- Donate locally
- Bring more funding into Salford, including funding for VCSE sector (e.g. for a live signposting document)
- Use existing funding to tackle poverty

## Volunteering

- Give more volunteering hours and encourage others to volunteer
- Increase the number of volunteers in our organisation
- Increase volunteering opportunities for young people
- Use volunteering as a way for people to reach their potential (e.g. training)

## Mental health and wellbeing

- Support the emotional health strategy for young people
- Be aware of and acknowledge impact of mental health on poverty
- Promote the good health and wellbeing of clients/service users

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## Working together

- Use and share directories of VCSE services to signpost people
- Link in with VCSE's to increase collaboration and work in partnership (e.g. promote each others services)
- Help to build a stronger coalition for the food poverty network

## Education and training

- Teach skills to families and individuals e.g. financial literacy and cooking
- Work with schools including developing programmes
- Ensure training is accessible, especially to isolated people
- Raise aspirations and help people reach full potential via training

## Campaigning

- Join the 10% Better Campaign
- Enable others to campaign
- Raise awareness of poverty in Salford
- Influence policy at Greater Manchester level

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## Listen and be a voice

- Persuade commissioners to take into account service users views
- Talk, tell people about poverty and listen
- Amplify the voices of those experiencing / who have experienced poverty, don't just speak for them

## Environmental

- Recycle more
- Plant more trees
- Reuse furniture
- Become a recycling champion

## Foodbanks

- Support local foodbanks with food and toiletry donations
- Support development of food distribution
- Explore how our staff can give to foodbanks in the most efficient way

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## **Economic / employment / housing**

- Pay the accredited Living Wage and encourage others to do so
- Develop more opportunities for paid employment in our organisation
- Shop locally and use local transport
- Support affordable childcare provision
- More affordable housing via the council's delivery vehicle

## **Salford Poverty Truth Commission**

- Contribute to the commission's action plan
- Complete actions of the homelessness subgroup
- Join the commission

## **Within our own organisations**

- Include poverty in decision making—poverty proof the organisation's actions
- Ask managers at our organisation to contribute ideas to tackling poverty
- Do more research on poverty