

Photovoice project Ilfracombe Poverty Truth Commission

As part our understanding of the lived experience of poverty, and of the system, we invite you to take some photographs for the Commission.

We suggest thinking about responding to the following questions:

- **Describe or represent something about your experience of poverty (for Community Commissioners)**
- **Describe or represent something about your experience of working within the system (for Civic Commissioners)**

Why is this part of the Commission?

Sometimes things can be expressed visually that are difficult to put into words. Photos can be about your feelings, about your experiences, about some practical challenges that you face, about the challenges of living or working in Ilfracombe, or whatever you think is relevant to the Commission. This will help our shared understanding of poverty and of the system.

What do I have to do?

- Take a disposable film camera (we will give you one)
- Take as many photos as you like (27 max) before the next Commission meeting (13th February)
- Return the camera on 13th February

What will happen to the photos?

We will send them off to be developed. At a later Commission session we will return the photos to you and ask you to choose some to talk about. In small groups we will ask you to share some of your photos and describe why you took them. We can write captions for the photos and write down the stories they tell.

And then...

We can decide together what to do with the photos. We can present them to each other or put up an exhibition later in the Commission process. We would like to use them in our newsletters, reports and website, and share them with the Poverty Truth Network. If there are images you don't want shared more widely, that's fine, you can take those ones.