

## PTC Highlight Report – March 2024

Date	2-4-24	Project Name	Poverty Truth Commission	Lead Manager	Andrea Beacham (OND)
Period covering	16 Feb - 3 Apr 2024	Project Manager	James Lander	Sponsor	Kristian Tomblin (ICB)
Overall RAG status and reason if not on track (see key deliverables)					
	<b>Project</b>				
	<b>Evaluation</b> – still trying to secure external partner				
	<b>Recruitment</b>				
	<b>Prepare community commissioners</b>				
	<b>Opening event</b>				
Purpose					
<p><b>Objective 1:</b> Communities, civic/business partners and decision-makers have a better understanding of the impact and root causes of poverty in Ilfracombe based on local lived experience</p> <p><b>Objective 2:</b> Participants with lived experience of poverty will have an active role in decision-making through inclusive and participatory processes, recognising them as key contributors to tackling health inequalities (incl. wider determinants)</p> <p><b>Objective 3:</b> Civic/business leaders and lived experience participants will work in partnership to bring about positive social change by identifying their collective goals, engaging in learning and taking action to bring about change for those struggling with poverty in Ilfracombe</p> <p><b>Objective 4:</b> Civic/business leaders and lived experience participants will have a shared understanding of their sphere of influence and barriers to change</p>					
Key deliverables and achievements in reporting period					
<p><b>General:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connected with Bournemouth and Morecombe PTC to better understand their approach. As a result, JL attended an <a href="#">‘art of hosting’</a> facilitation training (‘hosting meaningful conversation and wise action’).</li> <li>• Health &amp; Safety: Collected input from participants to support a trauma-informed approach, updating risk assessment to reflect participant feedback, currently seeking mental health / pastoral support for participants to support safe storytelling.</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still waiting to hear back from the University of Exeter/Lancaster re: their joint EOI for NIHR funding to support an external participatory evaluation.</li> <li>○ Speaking with RDUHT and DCC about potential support / funding Devon Communities Foundation (approx. £8-11k needed)</li> <li>○ Katrina Wyatt is offering short post session reflection sections with facilitators to capture learning (cannot do participants without ethical approval).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Internal evaluation: Currently collecting post session feedback via an online survey from community commissioners</li> </ul>					
<b>Recruitment</b>					

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruited 11 people with lived experience of poverty. 1 due to leave due to homelessness. Still trying to recruit 5 more spaces to increase group size (to 15) and diversity (could benefit from BAME and older/younger age representation).</li> <li>Need to recruit 12-15 civic/business leaders: reaching out to various leaders across County, district and local level to ascertain interest and commitment. Are speaking with community commissioners to ascertain relevant leaders.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prepare community commissioners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting every other Thursday at the Lantern, Ilfracombe (11 attendees)</li> <li>Visiting the Landmark theatre in April to begin to explore creative activities in the opening event space to help improve participant confidence and help them articulate their lived experience stories</li> </ul>	
<b>Opening event</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changing opening event date to Sept 26th, 2024, to allow more time to prepare/recruit</li> </ul>	
<b>Full Commission (Sept 2024- Sept 2025)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steering group setting up to help support recruitment, evaluation and facilitation</li> <li>Full commission dates tbc</li> </ul>	
<b>Key deliverables and achievements planned in next reporting period</b>	
<b>General:</b> secure MH support	
<b>Evaluation:</b> secure funding for external partner from locality	
<b>Recruitment:</b> recruit 5 more community commissioners and understand potential civic/business leader Wishlist	
<b>Opening event:</b> Book venue for Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> and send invite	
<b>Full Commission:</b> Agree dates	
<b>Key risks and issues and mitigations in place</b>	
Issues	Mitigations in place/ planned
1 Community commissioner will need to leave group due to homelessness (moving out of area in June to be rehomed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will offer to capture lived experience via audio/video or written to present at opening event.</li> <li>Reach out to local groups again to increase participants</li> </ul>
Risks	Mitigations in place/ planned
Participant health (sharing stories that may involve past/current trauma/stress)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated risk assessment based on participant feedback</li> <li>Seeking MH support for participants (post session/at opening event)</li> <li>Creating a list of wider publicly available support that can be accessed</li> </ul>
Delay in securing external evaluation partner and low internal capacity to evaluate	Design evaluation framework for realistic and achievable internal evaluation
<b>Issues for escalation</b>	

Key deliverable milestones	Date required	Date completed	Status
Create evaluation framework	29-6-24		Delayed
Recruit 12-15 lived experience / civic & business leaders	29-2-24		On track
Opening event	26-9-24		On track
Task groups complete work to tackle issues	30-05-25		Not due
Embed phase	30-08-25		Not due
Closing event	30-08-25		Not due