

#ChallengePovertyDG

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# CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY  
7th - 13th October 2019



## What is Challenge Poverty Week?

Challenge Poverty Week is an opportunity for you to raise your voice against poverty and show what needs to be done to tackle poverty across Scotland.

130 organisations large and small supported Challenge Poverty Week last year, and we hope even more get behind it this year.

The main aims of the week are to:

- Show the reality of poverty in Scotland and challenge stereotypes
- Highlight and showcase the solutions to poverty
- Increase public support for action to solve poverty

This programme gives you details of the activities and events taking place across Dumfries and Galloway for Challenge Poverty Week 2019.

**For more details on Challenge Poverty Week 2019, please visit  
[www.povertyalliance.org](http://www.povertyalliance.org)**

## Welcome

In Dumfries and Galloway, we are committed to improving the lives of people in our region experiencing poverty in all its forms. During Challenge Poverty Week there is a range of activities and events that allow you to share with us the reality of poverty in your local community, but also to highlight and tell us about the solutions to poverty.

The programme gives the opportunity in every Ward to tell us what poverty and inequalities mean in your area and what issues are important to you whether it be transport, welfare and benefits, fuel, clothing or food. This will be the start of a conversation on what you feel the Council should do in coming years to improve the lives of those experiencing poverty.

Our Council is committed to challenging poverty throughout the year, but this national week gives us the opportunity to highlight this further.

There are events across the region and we hope that you are able to come along!



Councillor Andy Ferguson  
Chair of Communities Committee



Councillor John Martin  
Vice Chair of Communities Committee

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## Monday 7th October

### What



#### Inequalities in Action

An interactive workshop to challenge misconceptions around inequalities and income related poverty



#### Making our Voices Heard

Consultation with Poverty Alliance



#### Pupil Equity Fund Showcase

Get an overview of the PEF projects that are contributing to reducing the poverty related attainment gap



#### Celebration of Achievements

Young people from Wigtownshire will be recognised for their achievements in the community

### Where

Oasis Youth Centre  
Newall Terrace, Dumfries

The Bridge  
Glasgow Road, Dumfries

Council Chambers  
English Street, Dumfries

Wigtown County Buildings  
Wigtown

### When

12noon - 1.30pm

1.00pm - 4.00pm

3.00pm - 4.00pm

7.00pm - 9.00pm

### Who

Decision Makers including

- Community Councillors
- Elected Members
- Senior Officers
- Tackling Poverty Reference Group

- Elected Members

- All Community Members
- Elected Members
- Young People aged 12-25

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## Tuesday 8th October

### What



#### Cuppa and a Chat

Your chance to tell us what poverty means in your local community over a cup of tea



#### Champions Board

Discussion on care experienced young peoples experience of poverty



#### Celebration of Achievements

Young people from Stewartry will be recognised for their achievements in the community

### Where

ADS Cafe, Dalbeattie  
Kate's Kitchen, Lockerbie Town Hall  
Locharbriggs Village Hall, Dumfries

Youth Enquiry Service,  
DG1, Dumfries

Castle Douglas Town Hall  
St Andrews Street, Castle Douglas

### When

12noon - 2.00pm

4.00pm - 6.00pm

7.00pm - 9.00pm

### Who

- All Welcome

- Care Experienced Young People
- Corporate Parents

- All Community Members
- Elected Members
- Young People aged 12-25

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## Wednesday 9th October

### What



#### Business Breakfast - Respectful Funerals

An opportunity for local funeral directors to come together with Council staff to discuss respectful funerals



#### #ROOTS2.0

Youth activist and young leaders event to discuss and debate issues affecting young people



#### Cuppa and a Chat

Your chance to tell us what poverty means in your local community over a cup of tea



#### Celebration of Achievements

Young people from Nithsdale will be recognised for their achievements in the community

### Where

Dumfries

Easterbrook Hall  
Bankend Road, Dumfries

Action for Children,  
Kirkfield Avenue, Kelloholm  
The Lookout, 42-44 High Street, Langholm

North West Community Campus  
Alloway Road, Dumfries

### When

8.00am - 9.00am

11.00am - 5.30pm

12noon - 2.00pm

7.00pm - 9.00pm

### Who

- Funeral Directors

- Young People aged 12-25

- All Welcome

- All Community Members
- Elected Members
- Young People aged 12-25

## Thursday 10th October

### What



**Inequalities in Action**  
An interactive workshop to challenge misconceptions around inequalities and income related poverty

### Where

McMillan Hall  
Dashwood Square, Newton Stewart

### When

9.30am - 11.00am

### Who

Decision Makers including

- Community Councillors
- Elected Members
- Senior Officers



**Cuppa and a Chat**  
Your chance to tell us what poverty means in your local community over a cup of tea

ADS Cafe, Castle Douglas  
Summerhill Community Centre  
Kate's Kitchen, Annan

12noon - 2.00pm

• All Welcome



**Celebration of Achievements**  
Young people from Annandale & Eskdale will be recognised for their achievements in the community

Lockerbie Academy  
Glasgow Road, Lockerbie

7.00pm - 9.00pm

• All Community Members  
• Elected Members  
• Young People aged 12-25

## Friday 11th October

### What



**Money For Life**  
Free training for trainers on how to deliver the Money for Life Programme which builds practical money skills and confidence in young people

Castle Douglas Community Centre  
Cotton Street, Castle Douglas

9.30am - 12.30pm

• Teachers  
• Youth Workers  
• Community Volunteers



**Cuppa and a Chat**  
Your chance to tell us what poverty means in your local community over a cup of tea

ADS Cafe, Kirkcudbright  
Penninghame Church Hall, Newton Stewart  
The Usual Place, Dumfries  
Fed Up Cafe, Baptist Church, Stranraer

12noon - 2.00pm

• All Welcome

**More information on our Cuppa and a Chat sessions and our free film screenings can be found on the next page**

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Registration Required



Closed session



Just turn up

**To register for events marked**



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## LIVE BELOW THE LINE CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Set yourself the challenge of living on £5 for all your food and drink during Challenge Poverty Week?

Working out at £1 per day, this is your chance to see how far you can make your money last. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and coffee breaks – this challenge aims to be a reality check for decision makers to realise the basic cost of living in 2019 and the tight budgets many families in our region are living on each week.

This challenge will run Monday 7th – Friday 11th October

If you take on the #LiveBelowTheLine challenge, we want to hear your experiences so make sure to e-mail us at [Challenge.Poverty@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Challenge.Poverty@dumgal.gov.uk)

This challenge is many people's reality so we ask that should you choose to post on social media you do so with this thought in mind.

To sign up to the challenge, just email [Challenge.Poverty@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Challenge.Poverty@dumgal.gov.uk) before Friday 4th October

Remember to use #LiveBelowTheLine on social media



## POVERTY AND INEQUALITIES IN SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS

So what is poverty? How can we better understand inequality?

Our commitment is that every Primary and Secondary School and Youth Groups will deliver a minimum of one session with children and young people surrounding poverty and inequalities during Challenge Poverty Week.

Session plans designed by the Poverty Alliance will give staff and volunteers the information they need to deliver workshops and activity-based learning with children and young people in both informal and formal learning environments. Our goal is to challenge the stigma and raise understanding surrounding poverty and inequalities through conversation.

Classes and groups are encouraged to document their learning and share their stories to be entered into a prize draw to win £100 to a local cause of their choosing.

Tell us about what you've been up to or to request a resource pack, by e-mailing [Challenge.Poverty@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Challenge.Poverty@dumgal.gov.uk).



## Cuppa and a Chat

Your chance to tell us what poverty means in your local community over a cup of tea.

Tell us about the issues important to you, whether it be transport, benefits, fuel, clothing or food. What you tell us will influence the new Tackling Poverty plan for Dumfries and Galloway.

Find out how you can get involved in the new local area groups to make a change in your community.

Pop in for a free cup of tea and a biscuit.



**12NOON - 2.00PM  
ALL WELCOME**

**TUE 8TH OCT**

ADS Cafe, St Peter's Church Hall, Dalbeattie, DG5 4AX

Kate's Kitchen, Lockerbie Town Hall, DG11 2ES

Locharbriggs Village Hall, Dumfries, DG1 1QE

**WED 9TH OCT**

Action for Children, Kirkfield Avenue, Kelloholm, DG4 6RB

The Lookout 42-44 High Street, Langholm, DG13 0JH

**THU 10TH OCT**

ADS Cafe, Castle Douglas Parish Church Hall, Queen Street, Castle Douglas, DG7 1EG

Summerhill Community Centre, Ballochmyle Terrace, Dumfries, DG2 9EF

Kate's Kitchen, 2-4 Bank Street, Annan, DG12 6AA

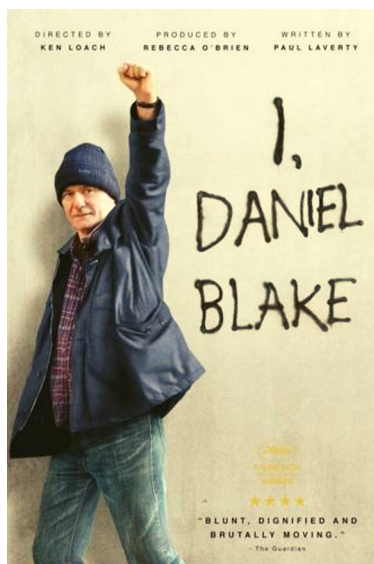
**FRI 11TH OCT**

ADS Cafe, St. Andrews & St. Cuthberts Church Hall, High Street, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4JW

Penninghame Church Hall, Newton Stewart, DG8 6ER

The Usual Place, Academy Street, Dumfries, DG1 1BZ

Fed Up Cafe, The Baptist Church, Bellevilla Road, Stranraer, DG9 8ED



## Free Film Screenings

Daniel Blake (Dave Johns) is a 59-year-old widowed carpenter who must rely on welfare after a recent heart attack leaves him unable to work. Despite his doctor's diagnosis, British authorities deny Blake's benefits and tell him to return to his job. As Daniel navigates his way through an agonizing appeal process, he begins to develop a strong bond with a destitute, single mother (Hayley Squires) who's struggling to take care of her two children.

Ryan Centre, Fairhurst Rd, Stranraer DG9 7AP

2pm Sat 12th Oct

A the Airts, 8-12 High St, Sanquhar DG4 6BL

6pm Sat 12th Oct

Victoria Halls, Downie's Wynd, Annan DG12 6EE

1pm Sun 13th Oct

Robert Burns Film Theatre, Mill Rd, Dumfries DG2 7BE

4pm Sun 13th Oct

Castle Douglas Town Hall, Cotton Street, DG7 1AJ

6pm Sun 13th Oct

**Free tickets available from:**

**[www.challengepovertydg.eventbrite.com](http://www.challengepovertydg.eventbrite.com)**

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& Galloway**



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