A Menu for Change

We are working with Oxfam Scotland, the Poverty Alliance and Nourish Scotland to promote cash and rights-based alternatives to food banks. The project helps organisations in Dundee, East Ayrshire and Fife to develop services that address the underlying causes of food insecurity. We have secured improvements to the Scottish Welfare Fund as an alternative to food banks.

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Tackling Child Poverty in Glasgow

In Glasgow, CPAG is supporting partners in Glasgow City Council, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership and the wider public, private and voluntary sectors to develop and report on actions that will help reduce child poverty in line with the Scottish government’s new Child Poverty Duty. This work includes helping to coordinate the Poverty Leadership Panel’s Child Poverty Group, and working with lead Council and NHS officials to develop and monitor the annual Glasgow Child Poverty Local Action Report.

Funded by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Campaigning in London

We have provided borough briefings to over 2,000 councillors across all London boroughs on the issues of low pay, employment, housing, childcare, education, council tax support and crisis prevention and support. Our work in Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, Lewisham, Lambeth and Newham has seen these local authorities improve their council tax support schemes. We also carried out extensive research on the impact of universal credit on families and stakeholders in Tower Hamlets.

Funded by Trust for London.

Universal Credit Advice

In 2018, we began our universal credit London advice project which provides expert guidance to those supporting universal credit claimants in the capital, helping them to understand the rules and procedures and maximising income for their clients.

Funded by City Bridge Trust.

Extended Schools

This year we piloted extended schools activities in four primary schools in low-income areas of London, targeting disadvantaged children. The project explored the barriers low-income families face in accessing extended schools services and tested different extended schools models. We then created a guide to support London schools to develop their extended schools activities as a way of tackling child poverty.

Funded by the Greater London Authority.

Cost of the School Day

Since 2014, this project has been working with children, parents and staff in schools across Scotland to help tackle financial barriers to children’s participation, learning and wellbeing throughout the school day. This year, our partners at Dundee City Council launched four bold Cost of the School Day pledges statements of intent. We work as part of a national child poverty in schools practice network and have supported 23 local authorities across Scotland to take a Cost of the School Day approach. In 2019, we will be expanding the project across the UK.

Funded by the Scottish Government’s Attainment Challenge Unit and Dundee City Council.

Supreme Court Ruling

In August 2018, CPAG was part of a landmark Supreme Court ruling that found the current Widowed Parent’s Allowance legislation was incompatible with human rights law. We intervened to provide the Court with legal arguments about children’s rights.

Building Connections in Wales

In 2018, through our work in the education sector, we formed a new partnership with the Children’s Commissioner for Wales.

Pathways Out of Poverty

We are working with Feeding Britain to deliver welfare rights advice, training and support to people advising low-income families in 17 local community food projects.

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