

OCTOBER 2022

APPLE Newsletter

Addressing Poverty with Lived Experience.



News from the APPLE Collective

Every thought is a seed...

WHO WE ARE:

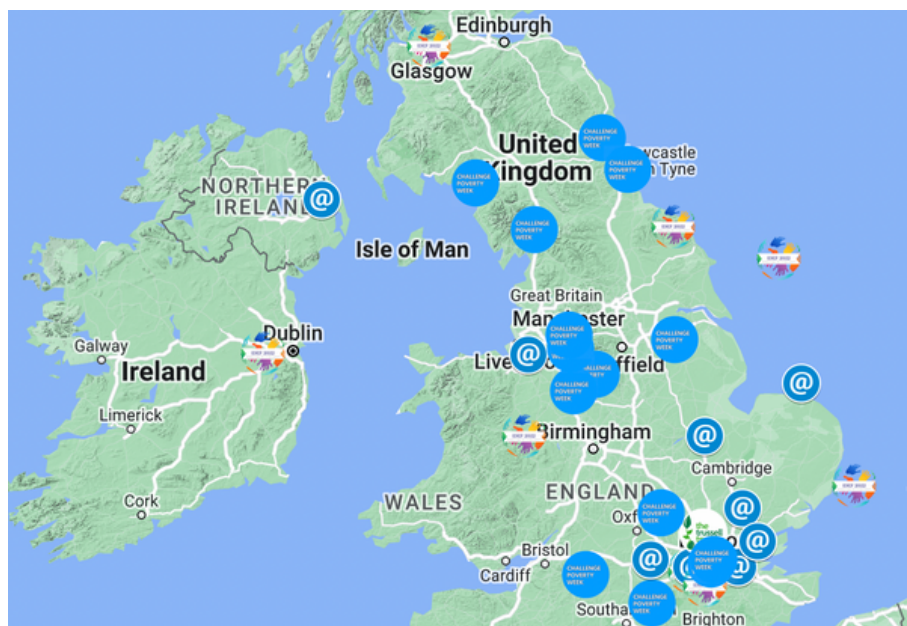
We are the APPLE Collective.

A national collective of individuals and organisations who have experienced or are experiencing poverty.

Our aim is to create a sustainable, grassroots network across the UK to raise awareness of poverty, reduce stigma and work together with others to eradicate it.

We work collaboratively with allies to use our voice to affect change and we invite groups that have experience or are led by people who are experiencing poverty to join us and become part of the APPLE Collective.

Every year on October 17, people worldwide commemorate the International Day to End Poverty. This year's theme was **Dignity for all in practice: The commitments we make together for social justice, peace and the planet.**



www.applecollective.com/idep-2022/

IDEP 2022

Amid a crisis amplified by soaring cost-of-living prices, it is time for action.

Enough is not enough, the slogan of recent protests and on this International Day to End Poverty focused on dignity APLE Collective are reinforcing the need to address poverty with lived experience. Without the expertise of lived experience poverty will never be solved.

The 17th of October is especially significant for the APLE Collective because it emphasises the importance of understanding the perspectives of those who have lived through adversity in order to develop effective social change.

The International Day to End Poverty was first intended to honour victims of poverty. This monumental day should be used to reflect on the causes of poverty and what may be done to address them.

The APLE collective, a collective of organisations and individuals committed to addressing poverty through lived experience, is concerned that people experiencing poverty will be pushed further into digital exclusion and isolation because unavoidable spending on energy and food will take up the lion's share of their budget.

The APLE Collective is worried that because of rising food and energy prices, those who already live in poverty will be digitally disenfranchised. We require a system that helps struggling families and fosters opportunity further.

Low and no income households need support now, the government must do what's right so that families can weather the cost of living storm and remain digitally included.

The government can choose to support people's digital inclusion in society so that no one is left behind.

Quote

OF THE MONTH

"Dignity for all in practice means people having their own access to the internet. People are missing out on something that should be a basic human right."

- Phil Parkes



For reaching 2,000 followers on twitter!

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APLE are proud winners of the UK Parliament Digital Campaigners of the year 2021 Award!



POVERTY STRATEGY COMMISSION- APLE COLLECTIVE

Thursday 13th October we held an online one Hour Workshop followed by Q&A Conversation. The meeting welcomed the APLE Collective as we introduced ourself and our aims & values.

Topics included what does addressing poverty with Lived Experience mean? Taking Voice Seriously: For Change Making, Taking Voice Seriously: As an Epistemic Necessity and Taking Voice Seriously: As a Collective Action.

We also looked at how to work in creative and participatory ways to listen to the voice of lived experience. APLE Collective members with lived experience of poverty shared approaches to lived expertise that they find valuable.

This was a well attended event with a range of stakeholders, we are looking forward to progressing this work further.



WHAM WEBINAR

The Sharp End: Lived Experience of Poverty and Deprivation.

"I don't know what to say. I am overwhelmed and touched by you all being willing to give up an evening to take part in our event, and your testimonies have stayed with me since then... You made the case for change more powerfully and movingly than any politician could have" -**Feedback from our WHAM Webinar.**

WEBINAR



The Sharp End Lived Experience of Poverty & Deprivation

📅 Thursday, 3rd November 2022
🕒 07:30pm - 08:30pm
📍 Microsoft Teams

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HUMAN RIGHTS FOR #IDEP2022

"I've been asked to say a few words about Human Rights in relation to poverty. So, what are Human Rights? I like to compare HR to water – something we know a lot about living in Scotland. Water is something we take for granted here in Scotland. It's always there when we need it – just at the twist of the tap. It features greatly in our daily lives in one way or another hence the cry we all know "it's bucketing doon, the sheets are gonnae get ruined".

[Read Here.](#)

- **Brian Scott**

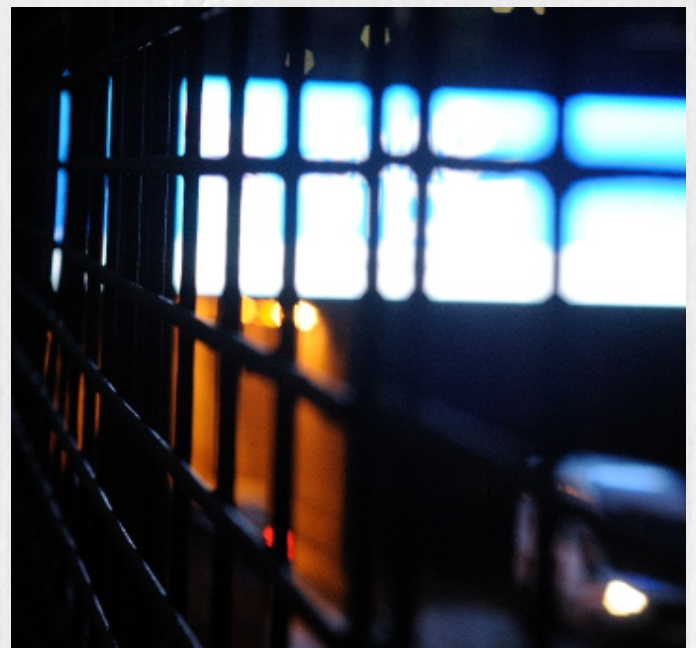


TRAVELLING TO LONDON FOR APPG ON POVERTY

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- **Chris Burns**

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CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK 2022

The APLE Collective took part in Challenge Poverty Week, which was an opportunity for voices that are often ignored to be heard loud and clear. It was a chance to focus on the need to tackle poverty and show the immense difference we could make to our society if we do.

challengepoverty.co.uk

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COMING UP

**1st November 12-1pm APLE Sub-Group
Feedback First of the Month Meeting.**

**2nd November 11-12pm Campaigns and
Communications Meeting. IDEP, CPW and
APPG Poverty De-Brief**

3rd November 11-1pm Governance Meeting

**15th November 12-1pm APLE Collective
Networking Lunch**

**16th November 11-12pm Campaigns and
Communications Meeting – Reflect and
Review. What is manageable, feasible and
what next?**

**17th November 9.30-10.30am Learning
Together Meeting**

**21st November 1-2pm Funder Plus Meeting
with JRF**

APPG ON POVERTY

During the week of International Day to End Poverty and Challenge Poverty Week APLE Collective visited the heart of government. We hosted the APPG Poverty on Wednesday 19th October at Portcullis House, APLE Collective members travelled the length and breadth of the UK, flying in from Glasgow and travelling by train from Cornwall to give just two examples of the tremendous effort our Collective have to go to have our voice heard.



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