

Appendix 3 - Creating a City Without Inequalities Forum Highlight Report

1.1 Context

Due to the Public Health Division refocusing capacity to support the health protection response to Covid-19, on the 21st September future meetings of the forum were postponed. Communication with the forum continued in the interim via the LinkedIn group, with several projects continuing virtually.

1.2 Current Circumstance

The forum will restart with a refreshed approach which will be shared with members at the introductory meeting on 1st June 2021. The refreshed approach to the forum will embed the Marmot review '*Fair Society, Healthy Lives*' through a focus on the six policy areas for action, turning these into tangible and collaborative actions for our City, facilitating joined-up working across agencies and systems. These six priority objectives and areas of recommendations for reducing health inequalities will underpin each of the workshops and meetings of the forum alongside the Health and Wellbeing Boards' new strategy. The six priority objectives for reducing/mitigating inequalities are as follows:

1. Give every child the best start in life.
2. Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives.
3. Create fair employment and good work for all.
4. Ensure a healthy standard of living for all.
5. Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities.
6. Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention.

The Poverty Truth Commission contract has commenced, and the inequalities team are working with the provider Thrive Together Birmingham to initiate phase 1 of the project. We have set up an oversight group to develop and maintain a strategic approach to enable the Poverty Truth Commission to fulfil aspirations to become a rolling model of engagement between policy makers and citizens. A key part of this project is the engagement of 'City Leaders', the professional members of the commission, likely to be council officers. The process of engaging with these city leaders has commenced and colleagues from organisational development are supporting us with a strategy for optimal engagement with these officers. The project is projected to run until early 2023. The initial theme of exploration is lived experiences in relation to housing.

The BLACHIR project has also continued. The partnership project with Lewisham local authority has completed two pillars to date: Racism and Discrimination and Early Years and Pregnancy. The Children and Young

Person's theme (led by Lewisham) has completed both the academic board and advisory board and the recommendations are currently being shaped and defined by the Lewisham team. The current theme for Birmingham is 'Ageing Well' and the academic board meeting is scheduled for 12th May where recommendations will be developed following assessment of the evidence review.

1.3 Next Steps and Delivery

- Introductory meeting scheduled for 1st June 2021. Members have been invited to attend.
- The forum is working in collaboration with Birmingham Youth Service to ensure youth representation on the forum to provide an important voice from this group. The advertisement for the opportunity is in the process of being finalised and expected to be posted soon.
- BLACHIR ageing well academic board meeting 12th May.