

Issues and Impacts Series

2020 - 2021



Over the past year CUP has hosted the **Issues and Impacts Series**, engaging field experts in issues relevant to the wellbeing of children, youth and families. The field expert talks were coupled with local research talks to provide a regional understanding and perspective of impact related to the same broader issue. Please join us this fall for our **final talks in the Series** where we will discuss the role cities play in poverty elimination strategies and how the pandemic has shaped innovative approaches for poverty initiatives and economic recovery.

FIELD EXPERT TALK



Ending poverty at a city level: what will it take?

In many regions, core cities are both engines of prosperity and have higher rates of poverty. Typically, they are highly unequal places. This insight led to the creation of the independent **Edinburgh Poverty Commission** (2018-20) to map the root causes and consequences of poverty in Scotland's capital city. This was the latest in a line of groups established with a similar purpose across Britain. Through more than 1,000 conversations with citizens and stakeholders, the Commission prepared a **Call to Action**. This reflects the multi-layered nature of devolved government, where powers to address the key drivers of poverty are split between the Scottish and UK Parliaments. Inspired by the work of EndPovertyEdmonton, the Commission has passed the baton to a grassroots network of citizens working as End Poverty Edinburgh. This session will consider how the goal of ending poverty in this decade can be achieved via changes to public service culture, holistic family support, housing and employment. It will identify issues likely to be of interest to city stakeholders in Alberta.

FIELD EXPERTS: **Dr. Jim McCormick**, Chair – Edinburgh Poverty Commission and CEO – The Robertson Trust

DATE: **September 20, 2021**

TIME: **12:00PM - 1:00PM MDT**

Please register [here](#) by September 13, 2021.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP TALK



An inclusive economic approach to ending poverty

While the COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately hurt many individuals and families, it also has offered unprecedented opportunity to support families and children through long-term structural changes. EndPovertyEdmonton (EPE), through its livable incomes game changer, is taking this opportunity to influence economic recovery and build a more inclusive economy. Critical to this success is the role of EPE as a convening body that works with various and atypical partners—beyond the social sector—to close the gaps that exist and contribute to an economy that works for all. In this presentation we will describe the work we have been doing, under the livable incomes umbrella, that deliberately pulls together two things that have traditionally been considered separate issues: economic development and poverty elimination.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP: **Dr. Maria Mayan and the EndPovertyEdmonton Team**

DATE: **October 4, 2021**

TIME: **12:00PM - 1:00PM MDT**

Please register [here](#) by September 27, 2021.



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