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Poverty
Commission

Solving poverty in Edinburgh

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Inception

Pockets

Low pay,
Benefits,
Credit,
Advice and
information

Prospects

Attainment,
Skills,
Career
Progression,
Wellbeing

Places

Housing,
Homelessness
Transport,
Community
services

**Designing
the future**

Participation



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Citizens

Third
Sector

Public
Sector

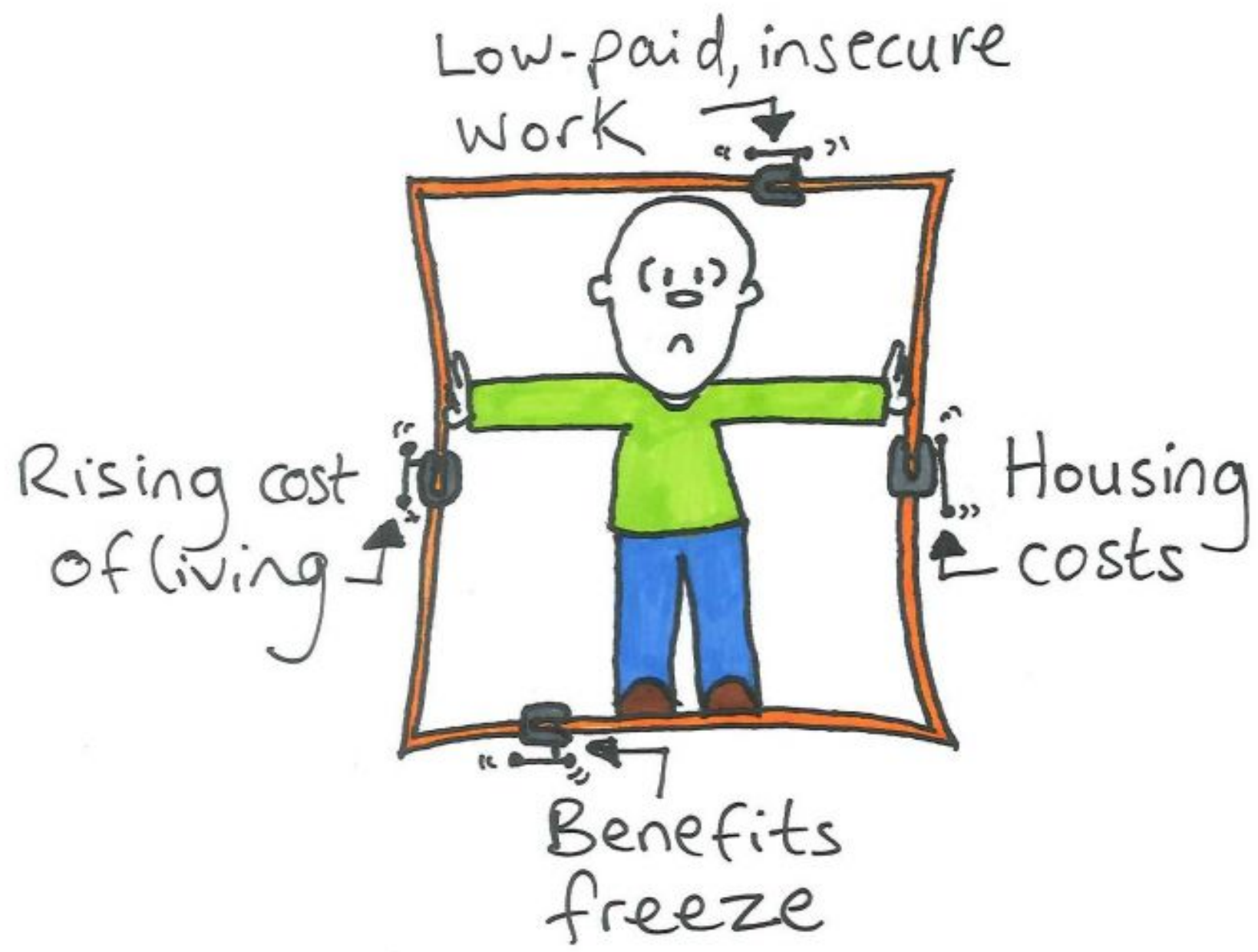
Private
Sector

- 30+ evidence sessions & project visits
- 3 public calls for evidence
- City of Edinburgh Council staff evidence sessions
- 90+ written submissions
- 60+ participant organisations
- Launched 3 focused citizen research projects
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What we know





Having to choose between heating a home or eating ... being left with very little money after the bills are paid... being made to feel inadequate and unable to provide the basics."

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The wages of average jobs do not keep up with the cost of living ... This means working becomes only a means to survival and not prospering."

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The impact [of poverty] on well-being is constant uncertainty, lack of security and having to focus on day-to-day survival without having the luxury to make long term plans about the future."

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It feels like the system is especially designed to prevent people from helping themselves and taking an active role in shaping their lives."

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Cuts in benefits are forcing some people into limited lives of just surviving.”

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Rents are fast outpacing people's ability to pay.”

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It is practically impossible to be a parent and work in some sectors.”

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The cost of renting privately in Edinburgh ... is now beyond the reach of most people on low incomes even if they are working full-time.”

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People want to have **control of their lives** and contribute to a city where we look after each other

It is not right that so many people in Edinburgh feel trapped in a system that does not help them to thrive

Poverty in Edinburgh is **neither acceptable nor inevitable**, and the city has many of the tools and influence it needs to end poverty

There is no credible solution to poverty in Edinburgh that is not led by and delivered with the people those solutions are designed to support



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Discussion

Question 1 - Experience

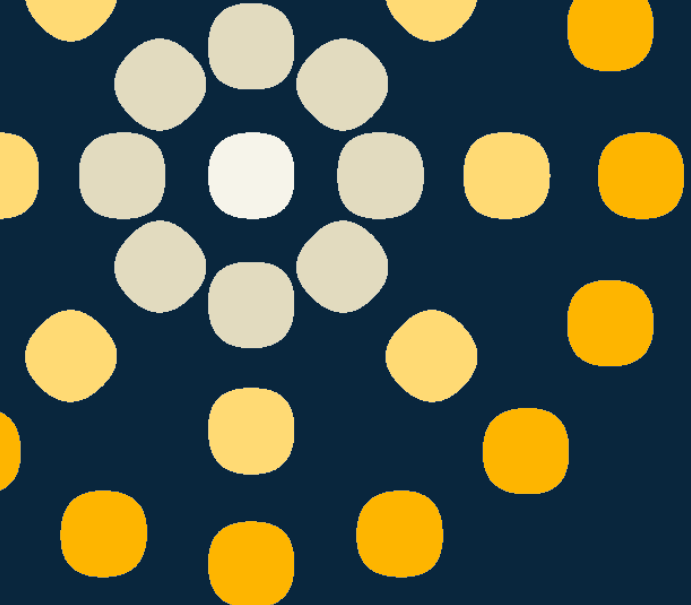
- How does poverty affect their lives?
- What is the impact on their family's health, wellbeing, and prospects?
- What are the locks that keep them trapped into poverty?

Question 2 - Change

- What do they need to let them break those locks?
- What one change would have the biggest impact on their lives?
- Who can make that change? Who has the keys?

Question 3 - Prevent

- What would stop them falling into poverty in the first place?
- What one change would have the biggest impact on their lives?
- Who can make that change? Who has the keys?



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