

Draft programme as at 23/09/22

Timings	Session	Title	Speaker/s
09.15 – 09.45	Registration, tea and coffee		
09.45 – 10.15	Welcome, introduction and conference overview		Justin Watson (Chair, GMMPA) Graham Whitham (CEO, GMMPA)

Breakout A – four x sessions running for one hour from 10.15 until 11.15

	Title	Speakers
Breakout A1	<i>Promoting the Real Living Wage</i>	John Hacking (GMMPA), Sophie Little (Living Wage Foundation), Chris Smallwood (Anchor Removals).
Breakout A2	<i>Cash First in Practice 1</i>	Joanne Mitchell (Wigan Council), Dan O'Brien (Trussell Trust – TBC), William Wheeler (GM Migrant Destitution Fund).
Breakout A3	<i>Poverty Proofing</i>	Georgina Burt (Child Poverty Action Group), Luke Bramhall (Children North East).
Breakout A4	<i>Learning from poverty truth commissions</i>	Dan Oliver (GMMPA), Claire Vibert (Trafford Poverty Commission).

Timings	Session	Title	Speaker/s
11.15 – 11.30	Plenary 2	<i>A Greater Manchester response to poverty and soaring living costs.</i>	Andrew Lightfoot (Deputy Chief Executive, Greater Manchester Combined Authority).

Breakout B – four x sessions running for one hour from 11.30 until 12.30

	Title	Speakers
Breakout B1	<i>Delivering benefits advice through existing services</i>	Laura Arrowsmith (Maternity Action), Graham Whitham (GMMPA), Elaine Riozzi (GMMPA), Kieran Boyle (Impact on Urban Health – TBC)
Breakout B2	<i>Understanding unclaimed benefits</i>	Alicia Harries and Fran McSweeney (Independent Age), Steven Hughes (Citizens Advice SORT), representative of Policy and Practice - TBC.
Breakout B3	<i>Avoiding high interest debt and promoting savings</i>	Sheenagh Young (South Manchester Credit Union), Chris Bennett (Fair For You), Stephen Hope (Engage Accounting).

Breakout B4	<i>Maximising the impact of local welfare provision.</i>	Simon Watts (Public Health Registrar), Vicky Powers (Derbyshire Council), Corin Hammersley (Greenwich Council).
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12.30 – 1.20	Lunch and networking
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Timings	Session	Title	Speaker/s
1.20 – 1.30	Welcome back after lunch		Graham Whitham

Quickfire sessions – four x sessions running for 30 minutes from 1.30 until 2.00		
	Title	Speakers
Quickfire 1	<i>A cash first and advice first approach to referrals and signposting</i>	Dan Oliver and Jon Sands (GMPA)
Quickfire 2	<i>The role of housing providers</i>	Speaker TBC (Trafford Housing Trust)
Quickfire 3	<i>Citizens Advice response to the Cost-of-Living Crisis</i>	Hayley Hughes (Citizens Advice Manchester)
Quickfire 4	<i>Reducing gambling harm</i>	Jo Evans (Greater Manchester Combined Authority).

2.00 – 2.20	Tea and coffee break
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Breakout C – four x sessions running for one hour from 2.20 until 3.20		
	Title	Speakers
Breakout C1	<i>The importance of local anti-poverty strategies</i>	Penny Rimmer (GMPA). Other speakers TBC.
Breakout C2	<i>The role of employers – beyond the Living Wage</i>	Ian MacArthur (Growth Company), Katy Jones (Manchester Metropolitan University).
Breakout C3	<i>Cash first in practice 2</i>	Gareth Evans (Cash Perks), Jodie Terry (4 Advice Agencies), Maria Marshall (Independent Food Aid Network).
Breakout C4	<i>Engaging people with lived experience in decision making</i>	Dan Oliver (GMPA). Other speakers TBC.

Timings	Session	Title	Speaker/s
3.20 – 3.40	Closing plenary	<i>Principles of cash first</i>	Anela Anwar (CEO, Z2K)
3.40 – 4.00	Closing remarks		Graham Whitham

4.00 onwards	Networking at Freight Island
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