

Programme

Timings	Session	Title	Speaker/s	Room
9.15 – 9.45	Registration, tea and coffee			
9.45 – 10.15	Welcome, introduction and conference overview		Justin Watson (Non-Exec Director, GMPA) Graham Whitham (CEO, GMPA)	Main Hall

Breakout A – four x sessions running for one hour from 10.15 until 11.15			Room
	Title	Speakers	
Breakout A1	<i>Promoting the Real Living Wage</i>	John Hacking (GMPA), Sophie Little (Living Wage Foundation), Chris Smallwood (Anchor Removals), Nicola Ryan (One and All)	Mambu
Breakout A2	<i>Cash First in Practice 1</i>	Joanne Mitchell (Wigan Council), Joanna Hill (Trussell Trust), Dr William Wheeler and Andy (GM Migrant Destitution Fund).	Main Hall
Breakout A3	<i>Poverty Proofing</i>	Georgina Burt (Child Poverty Action Group), Luke Bramhall (Children North East).	Wilkinson
Breakout A4	<i>Lived experience in decision-making – Poverty Truth Commissions</i>	Dan Oliver (GMPA), Claire Vibert, Lorenza Rizzo and Lindsay Brindley (Trafford Poverty Commission).	Gaskell

Timings	Session	Title	Speaker/s	Room
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).	Main Hall

Breakout B – four x sessions running for one hour from 11.30 until 12.30			Room
	Title	Speakers	
Breakout B1	<i>Understanding unclaimed benefits</i>	Alicia Harries (Independent Age), Steven Hughes (Citizens Advice SORT), Alex Clegg (Policy in Practice).	Mambu
Breakout B2	<i>Delivering benefits advice through existing services</i>	Laura Arrowsmith (Maternity Action), Graham Whitham (GMPA), Elaine Riozzi (GMPA).	Main Hall

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).	Wilkinson
Breakout B4	<i>Maximising the impact of local welfare provision.</i>	Simon Watts (Public Health Registrar), Vicky Powers (Derbyshire Council), Corin Hammersley (Greenwich Council).	Gaskell

12.30 – 1.20	Lunch and networking
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Timings	Session	Title	Speaker/s	Room
1.20 – 1.30	Welcome back after lunch		Graham Whitham	Main Hall

Quickfire sessions – four x sessions running for 30 minutes from 1.30 until 2.00			Room
	Title	Speakers	
Quickfire 1	<i>Preventing harms – gambling and the cost of living</i>	Jo Evans (Greater Manchester Combined Authority), Beth Sammut (Deal Me Out).	Mambu
Quickfire 2	<i>The role of housing providers</i>	Aileen Edmunds (Trafford Housing Trust).	Main Hall
Quickfire 3	<i>Citizens Advice response to the Cost-of-Living Crisis</i>	Hayley Hughes (Citizens Advice Manchester).	Wilkinson
Quickfire 4	<i>A cash first and advice first approach to referrals and signposting</i>	Dan Oliver and Jon Sands (GMPA).	Gaskell

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			Room
	Title	Speakers	
Breakout C1	<i>The role of employers – beyond the Living Wage</i>	Ian MacArthur (Growth Company), Katy Jones (Manchester Metropolitan University), Christine Moore (Manchester Credit Union).	Mambu
Breakout C2	<i>The importance of local anti-poverty strategies</i>	Penny Rimmer (GMPA), John McKendrick (Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit).	Main Hall
Breakout C3	<i>Cash first in practice 2</i>	Gareth Evans (Cash Perks), Jodie Terry (SMART London), Maria Marshall (Independent Food Aid Network).	Wilkinson
Breakout C4	<i>Lived experience in decision-making – Experiences from GM</i>	Dan Oliver (GMPA), Sarah Whitehead (Salford Community Pride CIC), Katie Jenkinson (Trust House Bury)	Gaskell

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

4.00 onwards	Networking at Freight Island			
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