

ANTI-POVERTY NETWORK SOUTH AUSTRALIA



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Low-Income People Across Country Gather For Community Conference On Poverty And Housing In Northern Suburbs

What:

- The '[No One Deserves Poverty](#)' community conference
- [Saturday November 18, 10am-5pm, Playford Civic Centre, Elizabeth](#):
- A gathering of 100+ low-income people, and advocates, from across Adelaide, and the rest of the country, to discuss how the poverty and the housing crises are affecting low-income people, and the need for urgent action from governments

Media Opportunities:

- Low-income people who have experienced housing crisis, homelessness, poverty, and poor treatment from Centrelink and job agencies
- National anti-poverty and housing advocates, including spokespeople from Anti-Poverty Network SA, Better Renting, Australian Unemployed Workers' Union, Antipoverty Centre, Renters and Housing Union, and Anti-Poverty Network Qld
- Sessions on a wide range of areas relating to poverty, welfare reform, renters rights, public housing, health, disability, climate change and poverty, youth issues, and other topics

Anti-Poverty Network SA will be hosting an extraordinary national gathering of low-income people and advocates from across Adelaide and Australia, to discuss the deep impacts of the poverty crisis and the housing crisis, and the need for urgent action from state and federal governments.

Over 100 low-income people, and representatives from several national organisations led by people in poverty, will come together for the first time, in Elizabeth, an area that has long been one of SA's most disadvantaged, neglected, and punished communities.

"This is one of the wealthiest countries on earth, but it infuriates us that we continue to see over 1 in 6 children and 1 in 8 adults forced to live in poverty. This is not inevitable. This is a political decision made by governments, including by the Albanese government. They choose tax cuts for the rich, tax subsidies for property investors and fossil fuel companies, and huge defence spending, instead of providing a dignified, liveable income for all, and building the hundreds of thousands of public homes that this country needs.

We are sick of people living in poverty being scapegoated and punished. We are sick of people's basic needs always coming a distant-second to the interests of the well-off and very well-off. No one deserves poverty. We are coming together to build a movement to force governments to act, as they did, during the early months of

COVID, to lift people out of deep hardship, crisis, and stress”, Mr. Folwell said.

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