

Hand out: Discussion points to accompany viewing of short films

1. What differences did you notice between the views and opinions of the different families in the films?
2. Why do you think these differences exist?
3. How are these different ideas about poverty formed?
4. Why is one account of poverty given greater prominence than the other?
5. Why are people on low incomes judged negatively?
6. Why are society, the media and politicians fixated on the idea that the causes of poverty sit with the individual?
7. What might be the political rationale for shaming people in poverty?
8. What might be gained or lost if we made dignity rather than shame the guiding principle for how we discuss poverty and make policies to alleviate it?