

Claiming Our Future IDEAS Income Inequality Briefing Sheet

Briefing Note Number Four – Action on Income Inequality

This briefing note aims to give facilitators and participants some basic ideas for putting and keeping the issue of income equality on the public agenda.

National levers

Seek a constitutional amendment to insert a commitment to equality into the constitution

Organise a campaign for a ‘ten times rule’ where no one would have ten times more income than the lowest income

Establish a high income commission and or a low income commission

‘Tell it like it is’ enable the voice and reality of low pay and social welfare be heard

Campaign for full disclosure of all income, bonuses, pensions, contributions and allowances

A ‘mind the gap’ campaign to highlight the gender pay gap and income inequalities

Organise a wealth research campaign and publicly expose how rich Ireland remains

Local action

Struggle against the ‘rule of money’ have a LETS or barter day in your local community

Use HEAP chart for a local session on income inequality

Have a ‘how much is enough’ / ‘how much is too much’ debate

Press for a ten times rule policy in your local employment

Encourage local mobilization by using a ‘basket of goods’ to show reality of life on welfare budget

Put a motion to local council arguing for research, action on local income inequality and poverty

Argue for a local antipoverty target for your country or town

Contrast the different levels of income and wealth between different areas in your local town or area