

Act on Poverty

Your Seeds of Change Actions



Hold an Act on Poverty service for your whole church, using our worship and prayer resources.



Host a bring and share meal to discuss what you have learnt in the Act on Poverty course and the next steps you will take. Invite others in your church or even your MP.

Order a 'Let's End Poverty' Banner to display at your church.



Share information with your community about how people can register to vote and about voter ID.



Find out more about issues you can raise with your MPs and candidates.



Build a fact-file on your MP and your candidates. What do they think about issues that matter to you?



Invite your MPs and candidates to visit your church. Use our press release template to let your local media know.



Hold a meeting with local partners to share your experience of acting on poverty in your area and brainstorm ideas for your next steps.


Identify where in your church and in your community the voices of those with lived experience of poverty are being heard and acted upon.

Share with others in your church stories of actions that have made a difference when it comes to poverty.

Write a piece for your church newsletter, website or social media about the need to act on poverty.

After the election, identify who your newly elected MP is and find out more about their interests and priorities.



Wherever you see this symbol  you can find more resources to help you with this action at: caid.org.uk/actonpovertyresources

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Set up email alerts so that you can see when your MP speaks in parliament and what issues they raise.



Follow your MP and candidates on social media. Tag them in a post about your #ActOnPoverty experience and what you have learnt.

Sign up to our Act on Poverty mailing list to keep up with the latest information.



Book to attend your MP's surgery so you can speak to them face-to-face about the need to act on poverty.

Invite your MP or candidates to take a walk with you around your local area and discuss local issues.

Invite your MP or candidates to visit a local project such as a food bank, youth group or community event.

After the election, write to your newly elected MP congratulating them. Introduce yourself, your church and highlight your key concerns.



Find out if anyone in your church has already met with or written to their MP or to another policymaker. Invite them to share what they spoke about and what they felt it achieved.

Take a proposal to your church council or leadership group with suggestions for how you can support Act on Poverty in 2024.



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It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs...

To Act on Poverty I/we will:

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Sow the seed:

What is the first step you would need to take to achieve this? Who will take that step?

Water:

What resources will you need to take this action?

Nurture:

What are the main things that will need to happen for this to succeed? Who will volunteer to see this through to the end?

Grow:

What outcome would you like to see? What connections could you make with other things your church is already doing or planning to do?

