

Poverty and Social Exclusion in the UK 2011: Project Team

The Project Team is made up of three groups of researchers covering England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The largest research group is an established team based at the Townsend Centre for International Poverty Research, in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law at the University of Bristol. They are leading international experts on the measurement of poverty and social exclusion and have worked together on the 1999 PSE, on other poverty and social exclusion surveys, and on a range of other research and publication projects. The Bristol-based research team includes: **Professor David Gordon (PI)**; **Dr Esther Dermott**; **Dr. Eldin Fahmy**; **Dr Pauline Helsop**; **Professor Ruth Levitas**; **Ms Christina Pantazis**; **Dr Demi Patsios**; **Dr Simon Pemberton** and **Dr Sarah Payne**. The final two members of the research team based in England are **Professor Jonathan Bradshaw** (University of York) and **Joanna Mack** (The Open University).

Professor Mike Tomlinson heads up the Northern Ireland element of the study at Queen's University Belfast. This research team includes **Professor Mary Daly** and **Professor Paddy Hillyard**.

In Scotland, **Professor Glen Bramley** (Heriot-Watt University), **Dr Nick Bailey** and **Dr Brian Mark Livingston** (Glasgow University) will collaborate on the Scottish aspects of this research and the analysis of neighbourhood environmental quality.

The research team has an immense amount of experience in poverty and social exclusion methodology. **Joanna Mack** and her colleagues invented the consensual method for measuring poverty and she was the Principal Investigator (PI) for the 1983 and 1990 Breadline Britain surveys. **Professor Bradshaw** was the PI for the 1999 PSE survey and **Professor Hillyard** was the PI for the 2002–03 PSE Northern Ireland survey.

Professor Gordon has overall responsibility for managing the research project. Professor Gordon has undertaken successful joint research projects with every member of the research team, in many cases for 20 years. **Professor Tomlinson** will be responsible for managing the Northern Ireland aspects of the research and will be assisted by **Professor Hillyard** who will undertake all liaison with the NISRA Central Survey unit for both the omnibus and main PSE Northern Ireland surveys.

The PSE research involves a close partnership between the university-based research team and the two survey organisations (NatCen and NISRA). **Joanne Maher** (NatCen) will manage the survey research team in Britain. Joanne has many years of experience with running the *Family Resources Survey*. In 1999, Joanne was employed by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and worked closely with **Professor Gordon** on the *Poverty and Social Exclusion* survey in 1999. She managed the survey team and wrote the Blaise code. In 2002, Joanne provided this code to her colleagues in NISRA, which formed the basis for the Northern Ireland PSE.

The bid team (above) has recently been joined by **Gil Main** (York), **Eileen Sutton** (Bristol), **Kirsten Besemer** (Heriot-Watt), **Grace Kelly** (Queen's), **Marco Pomati** (Bristol), **Clare Tait** (NatCen) and **Nikki Hicks** as project manager (Bristol).

Sadly, **Professor Peter Townsend**, who was a key member of the bid team and invented the relative deprivation method for measuring poverty, died in 2009.