Minding the Gap is delighted to present the sixth of a series of events which re-visits the policy objectives highlighted in The Marmot Review – Fair Society, Healthy Lives. This conference will focus on Debt, Social Mobility, Poverty, Benefits Sanctions and Health and the relationship between where you are born, develop, live and die and how it can affect your health and life expectancy.

If we are to tackle the sources of health inequality we need to explore the major problems associated with low income. Much of the rhetoric and available evidence is well known and the relationship between income and health has not resulted in policies to reduce health inequalities.

Health inequalities cannot be solved exclusively by public health alone. Collaboration between health professionals and those working in other departments, sectors or disciplines – e.g. urban planners, environmental officers, architects, employers, housing authorities, educators, social workers and the voluntary sector - is essential.

This conference will identify the root causes of poverty and examine a number of different ways local authorities can help individuals and communities. The conference will identify the underlying and systemic causes of health inequity. The conference will look at how policy makers and advisors can address debt, poverty and social mobility and ensure that health inequalities and health equity are embedded in policy making and practice.

Speakers include:

* Councillor Peter Box, Leader of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council and Chair of the Key Cities group
* Professor Kate Pickett, University of York, co-author of *‘The Spirit Level: Why More Equal Societies Almost Always Do Better’*
* Alisha Davies, Head of Research and Development, Public Health Wales, co-author of *‘Mass Unemployment Events: Prevention and Response from a Public Health Perspective’*
* Professor Peter Dwyer, University of York, Research into *‘Welfare Conditionality: Sanctions, support and behaviour change’*

The conference will also include a number of workshops to discuss how policy is made and how initiatives could be commissioned more effectively.

**Who should attend the conference?**

The conference has been designed to support the following audience: Elected Members, Chief Executives, DsPH, DsCS, DsASS, members of Health and Wellbeing Boards, Local Authority Managers and Officers (planners, environmental, education, transport, housing etc.) along with CCGs and other health professionals, colleagues from the voluntary and community sector and Local Enterprise Partnerships

**Costs and booking**

This conference is free to delegates from partner organisations in the Yorkshire & Humber region and representatives of local voluntary sector organisations. However, we reserve the right to impose a charge of £30 where delegates do not attend and have not informed us of a cancellation. To book a place, please complete the attached booking form and return to: icopley@wakefield.gov.uk

**BOOKING FORM**

Please complete one form per delegate.

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