

ANTI POVERTY STRATEGY CONSULTATION

BREAKDOWN OF MAIN POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE RESPONSES TO PROPOSALS ON THREE HIGH LEVEL PRIORITIES OF FINANCIAL EXCLUSION; CAPACITY BUILDING; AND INCREASING EMPLOYMENT

DO YOU AGREE THAT THE THREE HIGH LEVEL PRIORITIES OF FINANCIAL EXCLUSION, CAPACITY BUILDING AND INCREASING EMPLOYMENT ARE APPROPRIATE?

- CAPACITY BUILDING

POSITIVE

Summary of <u>main emerging views</u> received on: DO YOU AGREE THAT CAPACITY BUILDING SHOULD BE A KEY PRIORITY FOCUS?	
Summary of comments	Level of Support: [
<p>Agree to priority focus on Capacity Building. Some indication that should not be only one of the three identified areas – see ‘Other Areas’ section.</p> <p>Some express a need to recognise that capacity building is not just about participation in the labour market, but wider issues of participation in society.</p> <p>There were no comments disagreeing with Capacity Building being a priority focus.</p>	45
Specific Capacity Building Target: Increase number of employees in higher skilled jobs.	
Summary of comments	Level of Support:
<p>Agree with target, with some suggestions as to how this can be achieved – eg usage of People’s Network free internet access library service to gain access to information re benefits, education, training and employment opportunities.</p>	12

Similar to financial exclusion and increasing employment targets, recognition for a need for some form of mentoring measures, eg self esteem, confidence building, social skills for young people, individuals and communities.	3
Other associated barriers to achieving target also identified, eg lack of access to transport links; childcare provision; with a suggestion to set minimum service level public transport standards – eg bus frequencies and maximum walking distances to bus stops. Some also point out that it should be recognised that employment is not an option for some groups.	5
Specific Capacity Building Target: Reduce difference in educational attainment between those in free school meals and NI average.	
Summary of comments	Level of Support:
<p>Agree with target, with some comments / criticisms of the educational system and the necessity for particular areas of improvement, eg tackling differentials in education and training incentives between GB and NI; support services for children and young people, and access to and cost of all levels of education.</p> <p>Also, some form of additional child / parental mentoring should be included, eg ability to interact with others; spoken communication; ability to work in a team + truancy; parental attitudes.</p>	21
Specific Capacity Building Target: Reduce number of people with long term illness between those in lowest and highest socio economic groups by one fifth between 2000 and 2010.	
Summary of comments	Level of Support:
Support target – inequalities, in particular, in allocation of budgets based on population highlighted; and women and children being particular vulnerable groups.	8

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NEGATIVE

Summary of <u>main emerging views</u> received on DO YOU AGREE THAT CAPACITY BUILDING SHOULD BE A KEY PRIORITY FOCUS?	
Summary of comments.	Level of Support:
None specific	