



## Connecting Experience Decisions Decisions!

AGE GROUP

11+

AMOUNT OF PEOPLE

3+

TIME

30 MIN – 1 HOURS

OBJECTIVE

To learn about the different forms of poverty.

MATERIAL

None required but you could make signs of each of the six forms of poverty.



### Instructions

Ask participants what they think is meant by the term poverty.

#### Explain that poverty can be split into 6 categories:

- ▶ Situational poverty (usually temporary and involves a crisis or loss occurring, for example, health problems, natural disaster, divorce)
- ▶ Generational poverty (When two generations are born into poverty and might not have the resources to get out)
- ▶ Absolute poverty (lack of necessities such as food, water and shelter)
- ▶ Relative poverty (where family income is not enough to maintain an average standard of living in their country)
- ▶ Urban poverty (found in metropolitan areas with populations over 50,000 where overcrowding, violence, noise and poor community help programs make it harder for people to escape poverty)
- ▶ Rural poverty (where limited services available for those in need of financial assistance and lack of job opportunities makes the problem worse)

#### Game:

Assign a type of poverty to six different spaces in the room. Leader reads the scenario and then participants run to the space that they think is the answer.

Have participants explain the choices they made.

We have included ideas for scenarios below, you can add additional ones tailored to your participants experience and understanding.

- ▶ Philip lives in the countryside and due to floods the only road to his work is now blocked and extremely damaged, he can no longer get to work and get paid for the next 2 months. What form of poverty is affecting him?
- ▶ A young girl and her mother in Thailand are homeless and are forced to beg for money to survive. This is normal for the mother as she has never had a home. What kind of poverty affects them?
- ▶ Yan lives and works in Norway with his family but even though he has a full-time job he still struggles to pay rent and buy enough food for his family and is having to get financial aid from the government. What kind of poverty affects him?

#### Debrief:

- ▶ Which type of poverty do you think affects your community the most?
- ▶ Which one do you think is the hardest one to fight?
- ▶ What is something you could do to help fight poverty?

