# MONEY MATTERS

SHEFFIELD WOMEN TALKING TO SHEFFIELD WOMEN



Single Parent Women, Poverty and Financial Insecurity



# INTERESTED IN TAKING PART?

We would like to meet single parent women - in groups and individually and record women's stories. All information is anonymised and used only with consent for this project and activities which increase understanding of the needs of single parent women. It will not be passed on to any other organisations.

You can now also complete our anonymous online survey. Just click on https://bit.ly/2LgsAbS or see Womens Hub website <u>h</u>ttp:www.equalityhubnetwork.org/hubs/womens-hub/

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#### WHY SINGLE PARENT MUMS?

Volunteers from the Women's Hub are raising awareness about the specific effects of austerity and wage poverty on single parent women.

This is about fairness and equality. There is evidence that single mums are more likely to experience poverty than other groups. Some single mums, for example BAMER and disabled women, will face additional disadvantage.

We want to get a handle on how financial pressures build up. We are trying to capture things which are more difficult to talk about and measure; What's it like for women who have no rights to work or financial support? What are the pressures of family expectations? How are unexpected events paid for? How do women "get by" without turning to crime or risky activity? What about hidden debt?

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We are trying to start conversations about what it's really like for women. We hope to influence decisions about delivering services that might make a difference.

We want to highlight possible solutions, find out what has been helpful, and what can be learned to support other women in a sustainable way.

We will report on findings at an event organised with single parent mums.

Women should be part of making a difference in Sheffield.