

# The Poverty Problem: Whose Fault Is It Anyway?

A 2018 ANTI-POVERTY WEEK CONFERENCE

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# Day 1

9.00-9.30am **Registrations open**

## Conference opening & Plenary: The poverty problem in Australia

9.30-11:00am

**Guest speaker:** **Prof. Shelley Mallet**  
General Manager, Research & Policy, BSL and Professorial Fellow of Social Policy  
University of Melbourne

**Room:** The King Edward Ballroom

**Facilitator:** Kate Wheller

11:00-11.30am Morning tea

11.30-1:00pm **Workshops** – 3 different sessions run concurrently & repeated in the afternoon (see below for details)

1:00-2:00pm Lunch

## Plenary

2:00-2.45pm

**Guest speaker:** **Emma King**  
CEO  
Victorian Council of Social Service (VCOSS)

**Room:** The King Edward Ballroom

**Facilitator:** Kate Wheller

2.45-3:00pm Afternoon tea

3:00-4.30pm **Workshops** – 3 morning sessions repeated

4.30pm CLOSE

# Workshops - Day 1

Workshop	1: Housing	2: Employment	3: Education
Room	<b>Room: The King Edward Ballroom</b>	<b>Room: The Davies Room</b>	<b>Room: The Tompkins Room</b>
	Focusing on the relationship between poverty, housing stress & homelessness. Hearing from a person with lived experience, understanding the supports available.	To get out of poverty, do people just need to get a job? This session will explore the job market, employment obligations & rights of Centrelink recipients, profiling the programs of 2 CISVic agencies in supporting people on their employment journey.	Overview of relationship between poverty and poor education and information about programs to address this. Description of the impact that assistance has on the lives of students. Example of the effective role that volunteers can play.
Facilitators	<b>Meagan Skehill</b>	<b>Jill Wilson</b>	<b>Jennifer Borrell</b>
Speakers/ Presenters	<p><b>Angela Kyriakopoulos,</b> Homelessness Advocacy Service, Council to Homeless Persons</p> <p><b>Jody Letts</b> Consumer Participation Program, Council to Homeless Persons</p> <p><b>Helen Matthews</b> Consumer Participation Program, Council to Homeless Persons</p>	<p><b>Peter Horbury,</b> Manager (Operations and Information Services), Social Security Rights Australia</p> <p><b>Robyn Coughlin,</b> Program Coordinator, Southern Peninsula Community Support and Information Centre</p>	<p><b>Adele Stowe-Linder,</b> National Programs Manager, Ardoch Youth Foundation</p> <p><b>Filomena Garrubba,</b> School Relationship Manager, State School Relief Victoria</p>
Target Audience	Volunteers	Mixed	Volunteers

# Day 2

9.00-9.30am **Registrations open**

9.00-9.30am	<b>Plenary</b> – Launch of inaugural Volunteer Census 2018 Report AND Presentation Citizens Advice UK: what we can learn from our founders?		
	<b>Guest speaker:</b>	<b>Rafael Epstein</b>	
		Journalist and Broadcaster	
		ABC Radio	
	<b>Room:</b>	The King Edward Ballroom	
	<b>Facilitator:</b>	Kate Wheller	

11:00-11.30am Morning tea

11.30-1:00pm	<b>Workshops</b> – 3 different sessions run concurrently & repeated in the afternoon (see below for details)
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1:00-2:00pm Lunch

2:00-2.45pm	<b>Plenary</b> – World Café			
	<b>Guest speakers:</b>	Public Transport Ombudsman Victoria	Salvation Army	Energy and Water Ombudsman
		Council of Single Mothers and their Children	Good Shepherd Microfinance	Mental Health Victoria
		South East Community Links		
	<b>Room:</b>	The King Edward Ballroom		

2.45-3:00pm Afternoon tea

3:00-4.30pm	<b>CISVic Annual General Meeting</b> – Celebrating 50 years of Informing Victorians
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4.30pm CLOSE

# Workshops - Day 2

Workshop	<b>1: Consumer participation in co-design/service delivery/governance</b>	<b>2: Health</b>	<b>3: Understanding the NDIS</b>
Room	<b>Room: The King Edward Ballroom</b>	<b>Room: The Davies Room</b>	<b>Room: The Tompkins Room</b>
	Are your services client-centred? Do your clients participate in co-design or governance of the organisation? Hear from agency's who do.	Overview of the poverty & health relationship. Looking at service integration with community health services and how to make effective referrals.	There have been many changes to the service sector as a result of the roll out of the NDIS. Christine Scott from VALID will help us to better understand these changes and how we can support services users to navigate the system.
Facilitators	<b>Jennifer Borrell</b>	<b>Helen Byrne</b>	<b>Deborah Rosenberg</b>
Speakers/ Presenters	<b>Pablo Gimenez</b> Social Enterprise Advisor Centre for Participation  <b>Leo Fieldgrass</b> Chief Executive Officer Youth Affairs Council Victoria	<b>Amanda Wilson</b> Service Experience & Quality Manager Star Health	<b>Christine Scott</b> Families and Events Coordinators VALID
Target Audience	Managers	Volunteers/Case Workers	Volunteers/Case Workers

# Venue Map

