Some Useful Sources

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The below list provides a very brief list of resources, key organisations and programmes that relate to the themes of austerity, welfare, and citizenship.

Key research and readings on citizenship, austerity and welfare reform


Reports and organisations working on citizenship, austerity and welfare reform


The Centre for Human Rights in Practice has developed a list of useful resources concerning the human rights and equality implications of welfare reforms and public spending cuts in the UK. This includes key resources, reports, toolkits and statistical data for monitoring the on-going impacts on different disadvantaged groups and different nations and regions within the UK, http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/research/centres/chrp/spendingcuts/resources.


The Institute for Fiscal Studies provides fiscal analyses of the government’s tax and benefit changes, and explores their cumulative impact on different income groups, www.ifs.org.uk.


The Scottish Women’s Budget Group campaigns for gender budget analysis in the Scottish Government, and at the local authority level, http://www.swbg.org.uk/content/publications/.

TUC Women and the Cuts Toolkit is a toolkit for trade unions, voluntary organisations, community groups and others who want to assess the human rights and equality impact of the spending cuts on women in their communities, https://www.tuc.org.uk/sites/default/files/tucfiles/womenandcutstoolkit.pdf.


Lived experiences of welfare reform and austerity

The Dole Animators are a group of benefit claimants who made a film about their experiences of welfare reform. Find out more about the project and watch the film, www.doleanimators.org https://dolanimators.wordpress.com/.


Reports on welfare sanctions and conditionality


David Webster has written multiple briefings on benefit sanctions. A comprehensive list can be found here, http://www.cpag.org.uk/david-webster.

The Welfare Conditionality research project explores how effective conditionality is in changing the behaviour of those receiving welfare benefits and services and whether there are circumstances in which the use of conditionality may, or may not, be justifiable. A summary of the first wave of research findings is available at http://www.welfareconditionality.ac.uk/publication-category/initial-main-report/.