

Challenge Poverty Week 2024

Write to your MSP



Before you send your letter

- Who is your MSP?

You can find out details of who your constituency and regional MSPs are. You can input your own postcode or your school postcode here: [Members of the Scottish Parliament \(MSPs\) | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

- What do you want to ask your MSP?

We have created a sample letter below which you can use when contacting your MSP, but we would encourage you to add your own voice to it. You could explore as a class:

- How is poverty impacting your school?
- What would you like MSPs to do to help loosen the grip of poverty?

- How do you want your MSP to engage?

You might be requesting a written response from your MSP, or you may like to invite your MSP to speak to your class.

Sample letter

Dear [Insert first name of MSP]:

In Scotland, we believe in justice and compassion. That's why we must take action to make sure no one in Scotland is living in poverty.

Too many people, including 240,000 children, are having their life chances restricted by the injustice of poverty in wealthy Scotland. The higher cost of living is deepening financial hardship for too many people in Scotland, and pulling more and more into further daily struggle, including in [INSERT NAME OF HOLYROOD CONSTITUENCY/REGION].

It does not have to be this way. Poverty in Scotland can be solved, and it is the duty of all political leaders to ensure that it is. We want to live in a Scotland where we all have:

- Safe homes
- Affordable and reliable public transport
- Enough money to live well
- Access to healthy and sustainable food
- Strong support for our community and voluntary organisations

For Challenge Poverty Week 2024, I am asking you to take all the action you can to help make this a reality for children, their families and communities.

You can do this in a number of ways, including:

- Speaking out in the media about the action we can take to tackle poverty in your constituency and across Scotland
- Showing your support on social media for solutions to ending poverty, use #ChallengePoverty.
- Using the Scottish Parliament to call for policies that will boost incomes and reduce the cost of living.
- Working with other MSPs to make sure that poverty stays at the top of the conversation.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I look forward to your reply and to your involvement in this important cause.

Yours sincerely,