**Research & Campaigns Quarterly Briefing**

**May 2025**

Current work:

* We have started looking at the UK Government Green Paper on changes to PIP and other disability benefits and the potential impact on our clients. This is likely to be a long term piece of work, looking at both trying to influence the forthcoming changes and feeding back to and engaging with stakeholders on the impacts.
* We continue to be actively engaged in promoting Anti-racism and Black History 365 through presence at events and social media activities,
* We continue to be involved in making Mid and West Wales a real Living Wage region.
* We continue to work on a long term study into the impact of the cost of living crisis on our clients.

What we’ve just finished:

* We contributed to the ongoing evaluation of the Welsh Government’s Basic Income Pilot – thank you Conrad.
* We contributed to a Cambridge-Cardiff University Research project into Council Tax debt and civic enforcement – thank you Natalie.
* We took part in filming for a local documentary exploring the effects of poverty in Swansea – due to be premiered at Taliesin on 24th June.
* In the last 3 months our advisers have sent 17 Evidence Forms to national Citizens Advice, gained over £1.2million in income for our clients, and had over £175,000 of debts written off.

What’s next:

* We will respond to UK Government on the [Green Paper](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/pathways-to-work-reforming-benefits-and-support-to-get-britain-working-green-paper/pathways-to-work-reforming-benefits-and-support-to-get-britain-working-green-paper) on disability benefits.
* We are taking part in the Wales Centre for Public Policy study into Poverty Stigma in Swansea.
* We will respond to the Welsh Government consultation on [Improving the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales](https://www.gov.wales/improving-administration-and-enforcement-council-tax-wales)
* We will continue promoting anti-racism and Black History 365.
* We will continue working on making Mid and West Wales a Living Wage region.
* We will complete our study into the impact of the cost of living crisis on our clients.

Any questions, comments or ideas please let me know.

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