

# The importance of local anti-poverty strategies



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## Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit

John H McKendrick is co-Director of the Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit in the Glasgow School for Business and Society at Glasgow Caledonian University. He is primarily concerned to inform the work of practitioners and campaigners beyond the academy who seek to tackle poverty in Scotland. He was co-editor of *Poverty in Scotland 2021: Towards a 2030 Without Poverty?* (CPAG) and writes a column in the *Scottish Anti Poverty Review* (Poverty Alliance's quarterly journal). He has published many reports, briefings papers and addressed a wide range of Third sector and local government events on issues pertaining to the eradication and amelioration of poverty in Scotland. He sits on the group of National Partners offering advice and support to local authorities and local health boards in relation to the preparation of their Local Child Poverty Action Reports. He is also an external member of the Scottish Government's Child Poverty Programme Board. He worked at the University of Manchester from 1994 to 1998 (living on the outskirts of Oldham). His work profile can be accessed here: <https://www.gcu.ac.uk/gsbs/staff/drjohnhollandmckendrick/>



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Penny studied sociology and international politics at the University of Liverpool. She is currently completing her master's in international relations and security. She is interested in the intersection between gender, economics, and politics.

She is committed to working to make a difference to improve socio-economic outcomes within communities.

Penny works on policy, research, and advocacy for GMPA.