

LONDON FOR ALL

A ROADMAP TO END POVERTY

System Change

8.10 Research the viability of Neighbourhood Economic Development Corporations that provide community-driven opportunities to access resources that strengthen neighbourhoods and encourage community participation

London Calling – London Poverty Research Centre (LPRC)

The LPRC launched an initiative Inclusive Economy London which focused on local neighbourhood-based economic development projects.

London Calling – Community Wealth Building is a collaborative action research and community mobilization project aimed at embedding, accelerating, and contributing to equitable economic development practices in London. The project seeks to create decent work opportunities, identify current and emerging projects of this new economy, and bridge between larger national and provincial networks working in the same area.

The Inclusive Economy working group is focusing on a basic question: How do we look at the economy and economic development in a way that is going to benefit a broader segment of the population.

The working group, which includes Libro Credit Union, the London Economic Development Corp. and several large community organizations, has identified three tasks.

- Understand and advocate for a living wage in London.
- Ensure large public investments from all levels of government, include purchasing and work policies that benefit the city and its residents.
- Help build and retain local small and medium-sized businesses and the employment they offer.

Urban League of London

The Urban League is an umbrella group whose members include neighbourhood associations, community groups and individuals from across the city of London. Any Londoner can join the Urban League as an Individual Member and become part of a growing coalition of citizens and community organizations advocating for positive and sustainable change in this city.