"Our Experience, Our Voice, Our Stories"

This is an invitation to get involved in an exciting new community research project called "Our Experience, Our Voice, our Stories."

It's a Midlothian based project, funded by the Scottish Government, and sponsored by Midlothian Council and Midlothian Sure Start.

The focus of the research will be child poverty in Midlothian; its causes, consequences and what needs to change to make things better. We are looking for people to become researchers, who understand the issues around child poverty from their lived experience.

You will be given training in the techniques and skills of community research, and paid for your time. An income maximization officer will be on hand to give expert financial advice.

The research findings will be presented publicly, and to the council and Scottish Government. A panel of those involved in the project will have access to decision makers to ensure action on the identified issues and needs for change is taken.

Might you be interested? Would you like to know more?

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Thank you.