

Annex B: Social Exclusion Task Force

The Social Exclusion Task Force (SETF) was set up in June 2006. Its mission is to further extend the opportunities enjoyed by the vast majority of people in the UK today to those whose lives have been characterised by deprivation and exclusion.

Initially the Task Force has concentrated on identifying those most at risk and focused on specific hard-to-reach groups, including children in care, people with mental health problems and teenagers at risk of pregnancy. We will work closely with all departments to ensure that the needs of the most socially excluded are addressed.

The Task Force draws together the expertise of some staff from the former Social Exclusion Unit (SEU) in the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and policy specialists from the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit. It is based in the Cabinet Office and reports to Hilary Armstrong, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Social Exclusion, and Parliamentary Secretary Pat McFadden.

The Social Exclusion Task Force is committed to:

- evidence-based policy-making;
- working together with stakeholders; and
- giving a voice to disadvantaged groups within government.

The Social Exclusion Task Force consists of the following people:

Matt Barnes is seconded from the National Centre for Social Research.

Alistair Bogaars worked at the Home Office in the Community Safety and Local Government Unit on Local Area Agreements.

Rachael Clapson from the SEU worked on a variety of short projects on strategy, empowerment, asset inequality and frequent movers. Previously she worked for HM Treasury and on housing policy.

Tim Crosier previously was a policy analyst with the Australian Government Department of Family and Community Services.

Chris Cuthbert was head of Research at the SEU, worked for a number of years in the private sector and DfES where he specialised in policies relating to children and families – particularly relating to prevention and integrated children's services.

Claire Etches led the SEU's work on mental health and carried out research on the impact of moving frequently. Prior to this, Claire worked in the Foreign Office.

Ajay Gambhir worked at DWP as a labour market economist. He is a policy analyst at the PMSU, and previously also spent several years working as a consultant in the ICT industry.

David Halpern is Acting Director of the Social Exclusion Task Force. He is Chief Analyst and Senior Policy Adviser at the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit, and previously he held posts at Cambridge, Oxford and Harvard.

Axel Heitmueller joined the PMSU from DWP where he was an economic adviser. He also works as a research associate at the London Business School on Eastern European labour markets and immigration.

Matt Hudson is seconded from the Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion.

Alun Hughes has worked for DWP, the Scotland Office and the Cabinet Office and has produced various social exclusion reports in relation to neighbourhood renewal, transport, jobs and enterprise and young adults with complex needs.

Andy Jackson worked previously in the SEU. He trained as a teacher and has an active interest in music education and special educational needs.

David Jackson has worked for an independent think tank and the Home Office.

Hinna Jawaid has previously worked in the SEU and DWP.

Simon Kearney-Mitchell leads on external relations and publications, and was previously at the SEU.

Kate O'Neill has worked in the Office for Disability Issues and in the voluntary sector on regeneration and financial exclusion issues.

Paul Oroyemi previously worked as an analyst in the SEU and HM Treasury.

Luke O'Shea led the SEU report *Sure Start to Later Life*, and previously worked for DfES on the Sure Start programme.

John Pavel is a member of the PMSU, has held numerous posts within the Civil Service including work on public service reform, terrorism, indirect taxation and EU financial services legislation and was previously the Principal Private Secretary to the Permanent Secretary at the Treasury.

Miles Rinaldi also works for St Georges NHS Mental Health Trust and the Department of Health.

Allison Smith has a research background in older people and social exclusion in England and Canada and recently completed her PhD in Social Gerontology.

Julie Stephenson was seconded from DCLG and previously worked in the Department for Constitutional Affairs where she worked extensively on family and children's legislation.

Liz Tatlow is seconded from Matrix Research and Consultancy Ltd where she led the local health team, working with communities on a range of projects.

Arvind Thandi works on external relations and publications and was previously at the SEU.

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