



To dig deeper into the definitions of social justice, social responsibility, and social service, why not try combining your annual school food drive with a BC Poverty Reduction Coalition lesson plan:

- [Share the Weight](#)
- [Justice Not Charity](#)

The BCTF resource, [A Social Justice Lens](#), can help you and your students better understand the concept of systemic change

BCTF-designed infographics on poverty can be found on the BCTF [Antipoverty webpage](#) and stem from information collected in the [BCTF Poverty and Education survey](#).

You can also find many resources and lesson plans on the November [Antipoverty Month](#) web page to accompany these infographics for each week of November.

**Week 1:** [Poverty at the School Level resources](#)

[Poverty at the School Level article](#)  
[Hungry Students infographic](#)  
[Staff Awareness infographic](#)

**Week 2:** [Poverty in our Communities resources](#)

[Poverty Reduction Plan infographic](#)  
[Poverty and School Attendance infographic](#)  
[Economic Pressures on BC Families infographic](#)

**Week 3:** [Poverty in Canada resources](#)

[Funding is the Fuel infographic](#)  
[Climbing the Money Wall infographic](#)  
[Adequacy of Resources infographic](#)

**Week 4:** [Poverty at the World Level resources](#)



The recently updated "[Poverty as a Classroom Issue](#)" [workshop](#) helps teachers to develop an awareness of the issue of poverty and its implication for our students. It will challenge teachers to reflect on the assumptions we make about children living in poverty and offer strategies on how to support children who may be experiencing discrimination at school because of their socio-economic status.

Other workshops on poverty:

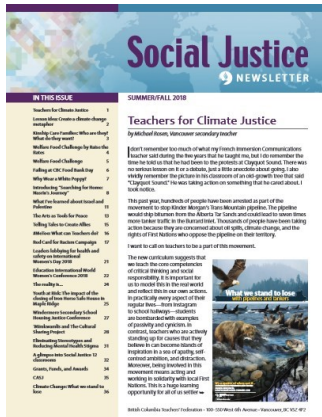
[Help End Child Poverty in BC Classrooms, Schools and Local Communities](#)  
[Creating Inclusive Spaces: Applying an Equity and Inclusion Lens to Your Local, Schools and Classrooms](#)

To request these or other social justice workshops for a school-based, local, or regional professional development day or for a School Union Representative Training (SURT) day, click on the "Book this Workshop" link below the workshop description on the BCTF [Social Justice Workshops page](#)



Classism is defined as prejudice against, or in favour of, people belonging to a different social class. Visit the [Raising Awareness](#) page on the [BCTF Equity and Inclusion web pages](#) for links to several [antipoverty videos](#) and Poverty Myth busters from the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition. These resources address the underlying causes of poverty, and in doing so, help dispel stereotypes leading to classism.

# Opportunities for Members



Do you have a story to share about a social justice activity or project that you have carried out in your classroom, local, or community? Is there a social justice issue that you'd like to highlight for BCTF members? We are currently accepting articles for the Winter/Spring 2019 edition of the *Social Justice Newsletter*. For more information, see the [Social Justice Newsletter Submission Guidelines](#) document on the [Social Justice Newsletter page](#).



The [BC Poverty Reduction Coalition](#) has developed a campaign aimed at seeing the introduction of a bold and comprehensive poverty reduction plan from the government of British Columbia that would include legislated targets and timelines to significantly reduce poverty and homelessness. See the [ABC plan](#).

**#AllOnBoard** stands for affordable and accessible transit that is based on income in Metro Vancouver, to ensure our communities can access public transit to live, work and thrive. They advocate for free transit for all children and youth 0-18, and for a sliding scale monthly pass system based on income. They also advocate for a social justice and poverty reduction mandate for Translink, non-stigmatizing affordability measures, fare evasion fines to be unlinked from ICBC, and infrastructure expansion.



Raise the Rates

Working to end poverty and homelessness in BC

**Raise the Rates BC** works to end poverty and homelessness in BC. Sadly, Raise the Rates will not be sponsoring the Welfare Food Challenge this year! The average rent for a room in the Downtown Eastside increased to \$687 per month this year, leaving only \$23 per month for food and other necessities. Last year's challenge allowed the participants \$19 for the week to buy food. The current \$5.75 per week for the challenge would prove most difficult. While the challenge is not running this year because of these deeply

inadequate rates. We cannot forget that there are still about 190,000 people trying to survive on income and disability assistance who don't have a choice.

Please support them by emailing the Minister of Social Development and your local MLA at [www.abcpplan.ca](http://www.abcpplan.ca) and urging the government to raise the rates!



The 2018 BC Child Poverty Report Card will be available mid-month on the [First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition](#) website.

The BC government has put forward Bill 39, the *Poverty Reduction Strategy Act*. See details below:  
 The Act: [Bill 39 - 2018: Poverty Reduction Strategy Act](#)  
 A response: [Poverty Reduction in BC: New Legislation & Next Steps](#)  
 CBC News report: [BC vows to cut poverty rate by 25% in 5 years.](#)

