

The female face of poverty



Women are, and have always been, more likely to experience poverty than men.

25% OF WOMEN

are in low paid work

vs.

16% OF MEN

SINGLE PARENTS

are the family type most likely to be in poverty

90%
of single parents are women

Low-paid women are concentrated in the

“5 Cs”:

CLEANING, CASHIERING, CARE, CATERING AND CLERICAL WORK

ONE QUARTER

of women who have children are in poverty, compared to 17% who don't

38%
of low-earners live in higher-income households, typically as spouses of high earners. These are most often women.

Home credit lending is a feminised industry. Women are more likely to be the recipients and lenders of home credit.

Women are more likely to work in jobs that don't offer training or development opportunities.

Women are more vulnerable to financial hardship and lower levels of financial literacy.

61% of all low paid workers are women



When we focus on the gender pay gap, we must look at the bottom as much as the top. If we only look at women in leadership roles as a measure of gender equality, we can forget that poverty has a female face.

