



Scotland Learning



Teacher's Notes BBC Two Autumn 2008

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# Modern Studies

## Social Issues in the United Kingdom

Curriculum Match

Study theme 2 (Higher):

*Wealth and Health Inequalities in the United Kingdom*

Study theme 2A (Intermediate 2):

*Equality in Society: Wealth and Health in the United Kingdom*

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Transmission time:

Programme 1 — Tuesday 4 November 05.20–05.40

Programme 2 — Tuesday 4 November 05.40–06.00

## Programme One

### Synopsis of Content

Programme One looks at the difficulties of growing up in a disadvantaged area. Lisa, a young university student from Royston, Glasgow explains that many young people do not achieve at school due to a lack of role models and peer group pressure.

The programme looks at various initiatives set up by government to help people from low income backgrounds get back to work or access higher education.

### Timed running Order

Time	Content	Syllabus link
00.00–03.00	Lisa describes her background, childhood experiences, family and social life.	Groups vulnerable to poverty.
03.00–05.00	Conversation with Christine, a youth worker and a positive role model, who turned Lisa's life around.	Groups vulnerable to poverty.
05.00–07.00	Royston, Glasgow. Lisa explains that the gang culture and peer group pressures hinder many doing well at school.	Groups vulnerable to poverty.
07.00–09.00	Glasgow North, a development agency, explains the barriers to getting people back to work.	Local policies and strategies to deal with inequalities in wealth.
09.00–10.30	Ways in which the DWP helps people back to work.	Local policies and strategies to deal with inequalities in wealth.
10.30–13.00	Discussion with Gerry Canavan on the ways in which his life has improved since returning to work.	Local policies and strategies to deal with inequalities in wealth.
13.00–14.00	Example of the work of GOALS in helping young people from disadvantaged areas reach university.	Local policies and strategies to deal with inequalities in wealth.
14.00–15.00	Lisa explains how Glasgow University's flexible approach helped her enter university.	Local policies and strategies to deal with inequalities in wealth.
15.00–end	Conversation involving Lisa and Sarah, a former pupil of an independent school, on why accessing university has been so much easier for young people from privileged backgrounds.	Causes of inequalities in wealth.

## Programme Two

### Synopsis of Content

Programme Two looks at the issue of state support for people trying to access housing. This was one of Beveridge's five giant evils: squalor. What inequalities are there in housing and how does the modern welfare state support people to have good quality housing?

### Timed running Order

Time	Content	Syllabus link
00.00–01.00	Post war, aim of welfare state to provide council housing for those unable to buy.	The principles of the Welfare State.
01.00–03.00	Margaret, owner occupier of former council house, on advantages of right to buy.	The debate over the provision and funding of welfare; and individual versus collective responsibility.
03.00–05.00	Disadvantages of right to buy. Dean explains his difficulties in getting on the property ladder.	
05.00–05.30	Ian Patterson from East Lothian Council explains the difficulties his local authority faces in meeting the demand for socially rented housing.	
05.30–07.00	Jim Boyle from The Bridges Project describes its role in providing help and advice for homeless people.	
07.00–08.45	Johnny managed to get a council house in Dumbiedykes, Edinburgh. He is a strong supporter of council housing.	
08.45–10.00	Vox-pops from first time buyers.	
10.00–10.30	Gill Gray, of Cala Homes, on the housing boom in East Lothian and Cala's provision for the private sector.	
10.30–11.30	Vox-pops on financial difficulties of buying a house.	
11.30–13.00	Dean's financial difficulties, and how he managed to find money for a small, privately rented flat in Edinburgh.	
13.00–14.00	Johann Lamont MSP on the Scottish Executive's Affordable Housing Strategy.	
14.00–14.30	Gill Gray on Cala's affordable housing.	
14.30–15.00	Ian Patterson on the new role of local authorities as 'enablers' rather than traditional role as 'providers'.	

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## Programme Two

### Timed running Order (continued)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Syllabus link</b>
15.00–16.00	Housing stock transfer issues.	The principles of the Welfare State.
16.00–17.00	Example of successful anti-stock transfer campaign in Edinburgh.	The debate over the provision and funding of welfare; and individual versus collective responsibility.
17.00–18.00	Johann Lamont denies stock transfer is privatisation.	
18.00–end	Assessment of role of the welfare state in modern society.	