



## End poverty in all its forms everywhere

### TEACHING AND STUDENTS

#### Warwick Scholars

Warwick Scholars is a programme available to students who live locally and have experienced barriers to university, such as attending low performing schools, living in neighbourhoods in which a low proportion of students enter Higher Education and receiving free school meals. Scholars benefit from assistance and mentoring through post-16 education, a contextual offer, reduction in tuition fees, a bursary and continual mentoring throughout studies in Higher Education.



#### Warwick Foyer and Care Leaver's Bursary

The Warwick Foyer and Care Leavers' Bursary is available to Foyer residents, Care Leavers and students who have been in continuous full-time education and were in receipt of Income Support and Housing Benefit under the age of 19.

#### Icycle

Icycle received funding from the Student Enterprise Fund. It offers eyewear made of 100% recycled plastic, glasses that are all high-quality, aesthetic and as sustainable as possible. Every gram of plastic used for Icycle's glasses is sourced responsibly from waste-collectors in Pune, a city in India. Icycle monitors that every waste-collector receives adequate work clothing, pay far above the local poverty line and a formal contract by local partner institutions. This ensures both social and economic security of its workers. Icycle employs the waste-collectors to assemble the frames of the glasses and gives out one pair of its glasses with prescription lenses to a waste-collector with bad eyesight. This not only up-skills waste-collectors but also connects them to the final product.

### RESEARCH

#### New analysis highlights impact of poverty and exploitation on children's lives

Infancy and adolescence represent the periods of greatest vulnerability to serious or fatal child maltreatment. Researchers at Warwick Medical School and University of East Anglia investigated the damaging impact of poverty on children and their families and the growing problem of exploitation. An analysis of serious case reviews found that just 15% of the children who died or were seriously harmed were on a child protection plan, suggesting that children with a child protection plan in place are generally well protected from the most severe harm.

Researchers also found there is a risk of harm to a child when different parental factors, such as domestic abuse, and environmental risk factors, such as poverty, are present. The effect is cumulative when these factors are experienced in combination or over periods of time. The difficulty in tackling these issues stems from the complexity and interdependence of these issues, so addressing a single issue does not deal with the underlying causes or other issues present.

#### Addressing the challenges of healthcare in slums (GCRF)

The slums of low and middle income countries (LMICs) present numerous health challenges for their residents. Improving health service delivery in the slums is crucial in order to reduce death and disease. It's also important to do this at the smallest possible cost to both the people receiving the healthcare services and wider society. The NIHR Global Health Research Unit on Improving Health in Slums is delivering research into health services in slums in countries such as Pakistan, as well as in Africa.



The research team is determining the costs of health services, as well as improving knowledge of disease. Researchers are working with decision makers and communities to develop new options for health service delivery in slums, whilst ensuring they are viable and cost effective. The Unit is currently running a project entitled Geo-spatial Mapping of Health Services in Slums. The project, which runs from June 2017 to March 2021, involves the use of digital technologies to generate accurate geographic data about slums and the healthcare services within them.



### OPERATIONS

#### RAWKUS

RAWKUS holds a Disco Soup event each term where surplus vegetables from local wholesalers are cooked up into a soup and given away on a 'Pay As You Feel' basis. The donations go to local charities such as Emmaus who are a charity working to end homelessness.



### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

#### Christmas Toy Collection

The University participates in a local initiative, which distributes toys, clothing and books to children in need across the city of Coventry. The vulnerable children range in age from 0 to 18 and may be living at home with parents who are addicted to drugs or alcohol, witnessing domestic violence or sadly, in 2019, living poverty. Those children and young people may not have the best of home lives, there may not be any extra money around at Christmas for presents, so Christmas for them is just a time of missing out.



The collection has run for over 15 years and has grown from two or three departments taking part to the more than 20 departments who took part in 2019; the most recent collection filled two large school minibuses! The donations are given to Coventry City Council and the Participation Team distribute them to those in need to brighten up their Christmas.



#### IntoUniversity

The University of Warwick works in partnership with IntoUniversity Coventry to provide academic support, primary and secondary school workshops, university applications support and mentoring for young people living in disadvantaged areas of the city. Students from the university act as mentors to support the young people to achieve their academic, social and future goals. Warwick facilitates IntoUniversity events such as FOCUS week, a five-day programme designed to introduce Year 6 pupils to university-style learning and give them a taste of what higher education is all about.