

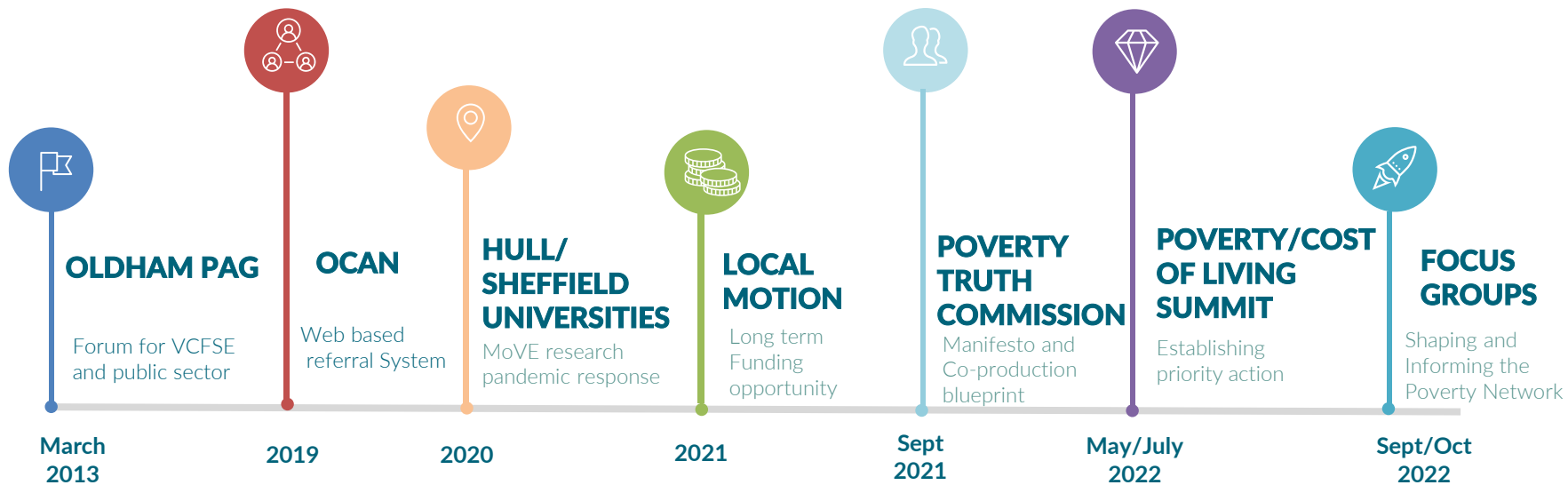


# Oldham Poverty Action Network

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# OUR Journey: where we've been





# Poverty Summit - July 22

## Emerging priorities:

- Warm Spaces
- Person centred
- Lobbying
- Food access & provision
- Early Intervention and Prevention
- System change: creating a system that works for people and removing barriers
- Harnessing Lived Experience
- Hope and aspiration
- Wealth creation
- Training skills and opportunities
- Mental health
- Innovation
- Building out from covid response
- Action orientated

6 National Funders investing in 6 Places: Oldham, Lincoln, Camarthern, Middlesborough, Torbay and Enfield

For Communities, By Communities

Three Oldham priority themes: Strengthening community spirit, aligning efforts to tackle poverty, and creating good jobs and social enterprise.

8-year long term funding proposal



# Where we were....

**Poverty Truth Commission**  
(Manifesto and Co-pro blueprint)

**Oldham Community Advice Network** (referral tool)

**Thematic Networks** (Food Solutions; Rough Sleeping)

**MoVE** (evaluation and facilitation)

**Poverty/Cost of Living Summit** (network and partners)

**Oldham Poverty Action Network**



# Where we are now...





In the meantime he's also become the Head of Music Services as well,

# Priority Task Groups

- 1. Building out from the cost-of-living response
- 2. Hope and Aspirations: Creating routes out of poverty
- 3. Building a joined-up approach to poverty alleviation & prevention.

## Key Questions...

What innovative approaches and models might we want to draw on?

What barriers might we jointly face?

How could we overcome these collectively?



# Task Group 1 - Building out from the cost-of-living response

Co-designed Action focused on:

1. Comms Campaigns that connect with people experiencing poverty and how they can get help and support
2. Oldham Community Advice Network - Digital Referral System, Connecting people seamlessly to the right support and advice

# Task Group 2 - Hope and Aspirations: Creating routes out of poverty

Co-designed Action focused on:

1. Creating supported volunteering opportunities and developing the pathways into volunteering and employment.
  1. Dedicated Volunteer Centre volunteering officer based with DWP Oldham Job Centre - working directly with people and their work coaches
  2. Uplift Programme - Community organisations who can offer supported volunteering opportunities to people at the point of crisis.
  3. Inclusive Recruitment Toolkit

# Task Group 3 - Building a joined-up approach to poverty alleviation & prevention

Co-designed Action focused on:

## 1. Developing an Oldham Systems Conditions Forum

- Working together to create a space to explore and tackle system conditions that are preventing people moving out of poverty, with people with lived experience equitably involved alongside system partners.

## 2. Developing Community Leadership and Voice and Influence

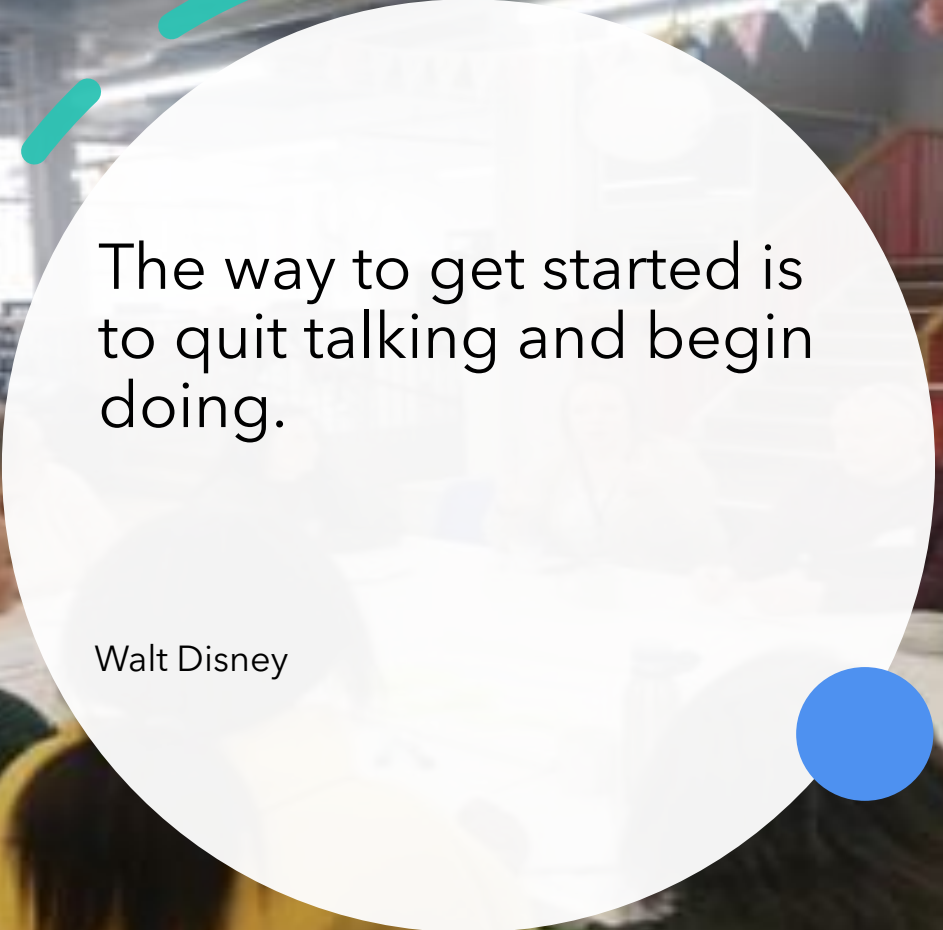
- Developing community capacity and confidence to strengthen the community voice to influence system decision making.



# Systems Condition Forum

- Changing Futures - System Change Day May 23
  - System Conditions identified:
    1. Homelessness and housing
    2. Benefits sanctions
    3. Co-occurring conditions mental health and addiction
- Through the OPAN Task Group we have codesigned:
  - A framework for a system conditions forum
  - A statement of intent





The way to get started is  
to quit talking and begin  
doing.

Walt Disney



# Ask for Health and Wellbeing Board Members

1. For members who don't have people engaged in the [Poverty Action Network](#) to come alongside and get involved.
2. For members of the board to work with the Poverty Action Network to strengthen the links between this work and the health inequalities plan / Fairer Health for All work.

