

Working for Social Justice

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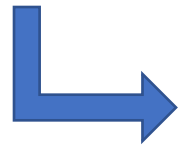
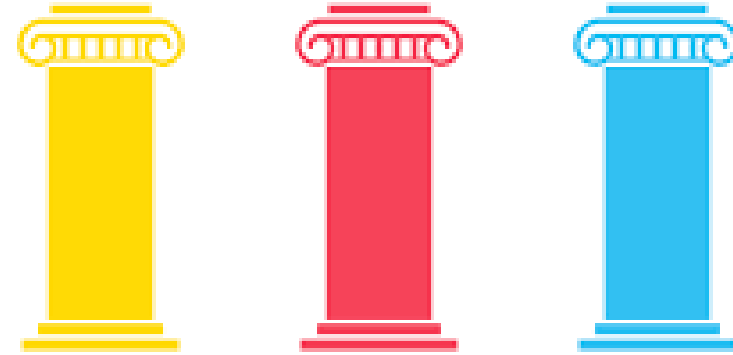
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The three pillars of SVP

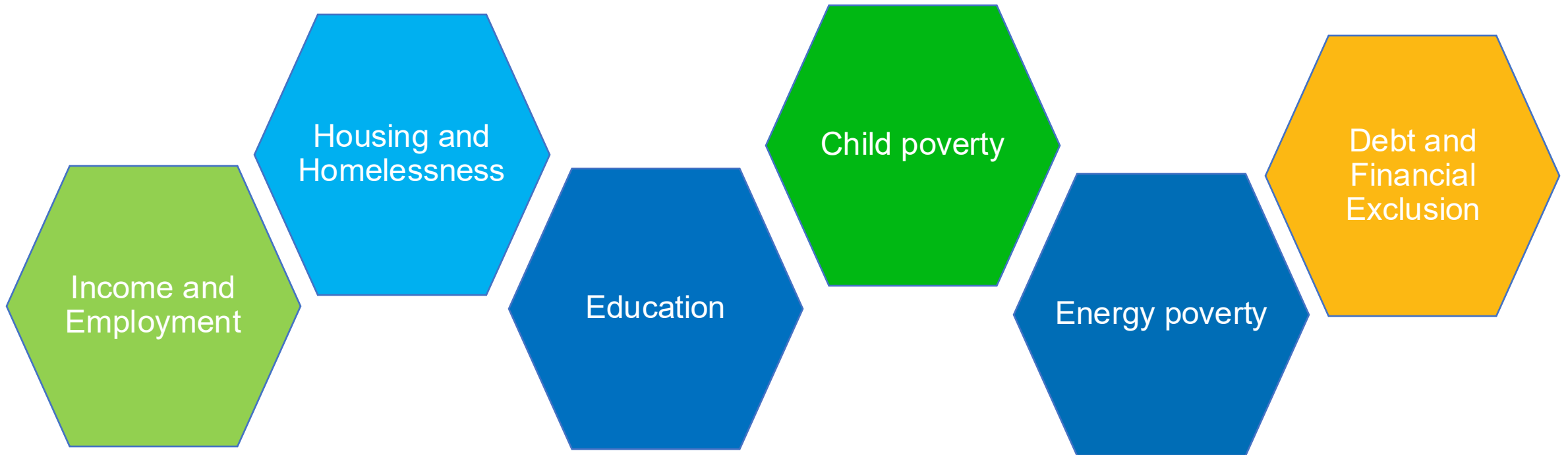
- **Friendship and Support**
- **Promoting Self sufficiency**
- **Working for Social Justice**



The role of the SVP is not only to provide immediate help to people in need, but also to tackle the root causes of the problems that we see.

We turn concern into action and advocate for more socially just policy with the aim of ending poverty in Ireland.

Social Justice issues we work on



WHY WE WORK FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Poverty:

845,000 people going without basics

More than one in five children in the State is now living in enforced deprivation.

Housing and Homelessness:

16,353 people living in emergency accommodation

More than 5,000 children without a home.

WHY WE WORK FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Education:

‘Voluntary’ contribution requests
between €30 and €550.

Average cost of going to college including rent is
€11,766.

WHY WE WORK FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE:

Energy and Climate Justice:

Households unable to afford adequate heat doubles from 2021 to 2023.

546,000 went without heating in 2023 due to cost.

SVP Experience:

Over a quarter of a million calls to SVP.

€40 million spent on direct assistance to households.

Budget 2026:

Income and Employment:

- €10 increase in core social welfare payments
- Fuel Allowance extended to recipients of the WFP
- WFP Threshold Increase by €60 per week
- Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance extended to 2- & 3-year-olds

Budget 2026:

Income and Employment continued:

- €8 increase for CSP for under 12 and €16 for children over 12
- €20 increase in the monthly Domiciliary Care Allowance
- Increase in the NMW to €14.15.

Budget 2026:

Housing and Homelessness:

- Capital funding for the building of 10,200 new social homes
- 7,500 affordable purchase and cost rental homes
- €130 million for grants to adapt homes of older people and people with a disability
- €10.5 million for local authority inspection in the PRS
- €34 million for delivery of new Traveller accommodation & maintenance work.

Budget 2026:

Energy and Climate Justice:

- €5 increase in Fuel Allowance
- Extension of Fuel Allowance to WFP recipients
- €140 million to support retrofitting of 3,500 social homes.

Budget 2026:

Disability and supports for children with additional needs:

- No Cost of Disability payment
- Funding for the provision of 6,500 Assessment of Need Targeted Waitlist
- €16 Million for continued roll out of school therapy in special schools and extension to mainstream schools.

Budget 2026:

Education including early years:

- €30 Million to begin roll-out of publicly-delivered ECEC
- Funding for roll out of Year 2 and Year 3 Equal Start Model
- Increased capitation rates at primary and post primary level
- €48 million to implement new DEIS plus

Budget 2026:

Education including early years continued:

- Increased income threshold for the student contribution grant
- Reduced student contribution by €500
- Increases to the SUSI non-adjacent payments
- Additional funding for students with disabilities.

Thank you for listening.

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