

***Rural Fuel Poverty  
Cause - Effect – Solutions?***

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# MAIN CAUSES OF FUEL POVERTY

q Low Income

q The Cost Of Fuel (Energy)

q The Energy Efficiency Of The Home



# EFFECT OF FUEL POVERTY

- q Poor Health
- q Debt
- q Less Disposable Income
- q Social Deprivation

# POINTS TO CONSIDER

- **Income Maximisation** - Considerable under-claiming of benefits and tax credits in rural areas – up to 50% cancellations on face to face appointments
- **Costs To Install Measures** - Estimated to cost 6 times more than urban areas
- **Government Grants** - “Hard To Treat” properties require expensive measures which are not generally covered by current Government grant schemes
- **CO2 Reduction Targets** – Renewable energy systems currently are cost prohibitive for most families/especially those on low incomes.

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- **Top up Costs** – Who should pay and why?
- **Effective Targeting** – Do you know where the fuel poor households are in your region – if not what support/resources are needed?
- **Education** – How important is it in tackling fuel poverty?
- **Partnerships** – How important are they and who do you need to develop better relationships with?
- **Government** – How can your organisation influence changes that will benefit rural communities?

# SOLUTIONS ?





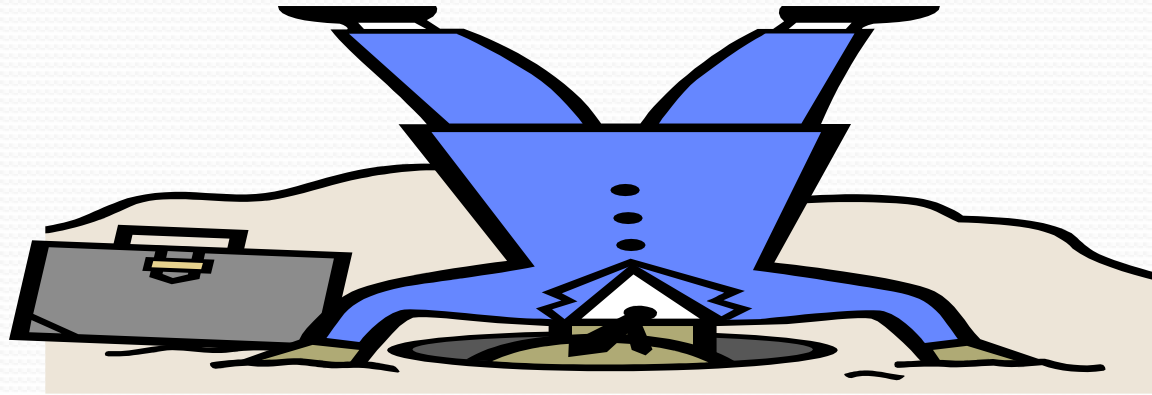
**DATA CAPTURE/SHARING**



**COLLABORATIVE WORKING**



**BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS**



Determination gives you the resolve to keep going in spite of the roadblocks that lay before you.

***Denis Waitley***