

# Oxfam Scotland launch new equality campaign



Oxfam Scotland campaigners launched their “Even It Up” campaign earlier in the week to urge the Scottish Parliament to take steps to reduce poverty.

According to new research undertaken by the charity two-thirds of Scots said they want politicians to do more to address economic inequality.

**Jamie Livingstone, Head of Oxfam Scotland,** said: “At a time when nearly one in five people in Scotland live in poverty, it is encouraging to see such support for more action to reduce economic inequality in Scotland.

“We agree, because we are increasingly aware of the barrier extreme inequality creates to tackling poverty. Not all political power rests in Scotland, but the Scottish Parliament can do more and this poll suggests Scots back a much more even distribution of wealth.”

**Folk singer Sheena Wellington,** featured in the film, said: “It’s completely appropriate that Oxfam Scotland is launching this campaign with the words of Robert Burns. His belief in the fundamental equality of every human being shines through in his work – and especially in A Man’s A Man.

“I wish Oxfam all the very best with the Even It Up campaign, and hope that the Scottish Parliament can play its part in moving to a fairer Scotland in a fairer world, where people’s chances in life aren’t blighted by poverty and extreme inequality.”



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