



Understanding Poverty as a Complex Issue - Links

[Working With Complex Issues](#) - A tele-learning seminar with Brenda Zimmerman that explores the implications for leadership and management of efforts to tackle complex issues.

[Poverty & Poverty Reduction](#) - A three part tele-learning series that explores different ways to frame poverty and poverty reduction initiatives as well as the implications for communication, planning and evaluation. Also describes a new framework that weaves together elements of several common frameworks.

[Defining Poverty in Canada](#) - A brief review of the standard income-based definitions and measurements of poverty used in Canada.

[Coping with Complexity: Child & Adult Poverty](#) - A report that outlines a model with 47 interconnected dimensions and measures of poverty and argues for a new series of techniques to improve poverty reduction policies.

[Subjective Poverty](#) - A paper that challenges the mainstream view of poverty that its authors argue is an inappropriately money-metric and uniformly applicable concept. It describes an approach that aims to capture the inherent subjectivity and multidimensionality of poverty, with a strong emphasis on involving the poor in the debate on poverty reduction from the beginning of poverty reduction efforts.

[The Poverty 9I dYfIYbW](#) - A methodology that provides people an opportunity to experience poverty through a variety of simulations.

[The Poverty Matrix: Understanding Poverty in Your Community](#) - An aide to assist groups frame and understand the different levels of (e.g. working poor, homeless) and across different demographic groups (e.g. youth, seniors, immigrants, etc.) in their community.

[Butterfly Stamping](#) - The butterfly stamping exercise can be used to give people an experience with using the generic Cynefin framework – a framework that introduces to the nature of complex issues – such as poverty – and describes the implication for leading and managing complex issues.

[The Working Poor: Invisible in America](#) - David K. Shipler, an award winning journalist, describes the lives of America's low-wage earners and families living in or near poverty. It examines the various interlocking characteristics of poverty with low wage jobs, its individual and systemic causes, and explores measures for improving the prospects for working families.

[Dispatches From the Poverty Line](#) - Pat Capponi, one of Canada's well known activists, provides a raw perspective and reflections on the experience of poverty.

[Pay the Rent or Feed the Kids](#) - Mel Hurtig, a well known Canadian observer, provides another perspective on the effects of the new economy, social evolution and public policy changes on people struggling to make ends meet.