

Challenge Poverty Week

5th - 9th October 2026

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Challenge Poverty Week is an opportunity to raise our voices against poverty, come together and showcase the support available across West Lothian.

Throughout the week, there will be a range of free events and activities where you can find out more about local support, connect with services and discover what's available for you, your family and your community.

MONDAY - 5TH OCT

2pm-3pm - Blue Badge- Ask the advisor online session
Location - West Lothian Council Facebook page

Join our online Ask the Advisor session to learn more about the Blue Badge Scheme in West Lothian. You can ask questions about eligibility, how to apply, using your badge and what to do if your application is unsuccessful, with answers from an experienced member of the team.

MONDAY - 5TH OCT

2pm-4pm - Tenant Participation Event
Location - Strathbrock Partnership Centre

Are you in rent arrears or facing eviction, affected by the benefit cap or bedroom tax, or living in private accommodation where your rent isn't fully covered? Struggling with energy costs or energy debt? Help may be available.

Come along for free advice and support, with information on benefits, Discretionary Housing Payments, energy support, court advice and local housing services. Find out what support you may be entitled to and get help with your housing and energy concerns.

TUESDAY 6TH OCT

10am -1pm Jobs Fair
Location - Blackburn Partnership Centre

Whether you're looking for your first job, ready for a career change, returning to work, or simply exploring what's out there, our free Jobs Fair is a great opportunity to take your next step.

Meet employers from a wide range of industries across West Lothian, discover current vacancies, ask questions and find out what opportunities could be right for you.

TUESDAY 6TH OCT

1-3pm - School Bank Open Day
Book your free ticket [here](#)

The School Bank West Lothian will be opening their doors during Challenge Poverty Week 2026, giving you the chance to see behind the scenes of the support they provide to families across West Lothian.

Pop in to meet the team, ask questions and find out what goes into providing each school uniform pack.

WEDNESDAY - 7TH OCT 10am-12pm - Parental Employment - Ask the Advisor
Location - West Lothian Council Facebook page

Ask the Advisor! Put your questions to West Lothian Council's Parental Employment Support Team at The Advice Shop during our Facebook session. Check your entitlement to family benefits, help with childcare costs, School clothing grants/ free school meals, in-work benefits and more, with support available with applications if needed. Whether you're thinking about returning to work, starting a new job or already in employment, advice and support is available at every stage of your employment journey.

THURSDAY - 8TH OCT 10am-12pm- Parental Advice and Support Drop-in
Location - Jim Walker Partnership Centre

Come along and speak to West Lothian Council's Parental Employment Support Team at The Advice Shop. Check your entitlement to family benefits, help with childcare costs, School clothing grants/ free school meals, in-work benefits and more, with support available with applications if needed. Whether you're thinking about returning to work, starting a new job or already in employment, advice and support is available at every stage of your employment journey.

THURSDAY - 8TH OCT 10am - 11:30am- Fauldhouse Parents Space
Location - The Hub
10 Main Street, Fauldhouse, EH47 9LE

A welcoming space for parent carers of children and young people up to 16 with additional support needs to meet others, share experiences and access support.

The Advice Shop will also be joining the group to provide information and advice on Child Disability benefits.

Come along for a chance to connect, chat and find out more.

THURSDAY - 8TH OCT 1pm – 3pm - Family Support and Advice Stall
Location - Livingston Centre

Come along and discover the free advice, support and financial help available to families in our community. Meet Advice Shop, Carers of West Lothian and Kidzeco, who can offer benefits advice, carer support, family referrals, free groups and information on financial support. Enjoy our fun True or False games, bust some myths and find out what support could be available to you and your family!

FRIDAY - 9TH OCT 11am-12pm- Volunteering Stall
Location - Jim Walker Partnership Centre

Discover the range of volunteering opportunities available in your community through the Advice Shop Volunteering Pathway. Come along to find out how volunteering can help you gain skills, build confidence, meet people and make a difference.

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