

BUSINESS FIGHTS POVERTY

GLOBAL EQUITY

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LIVELIHOODS IN AN AGE OF DISRUPTION

Churchill College, University of Cambridge

9:00 - 10:00	<p>Welcome and Clinics Round 1: What are the key trends shaping the social impact landscape in 2026? <i>[In Person, 60 mins]</i></p> <p>A peer-led clinic exploring the most significant shifts shaping the social impact landscape for 2026. Drawing on Business Fights Poverty's latest insights, participants will examine how polarisation, funding uncertainty, AI and climate disruption are reshaping business responsibility. Includes short speaker reflections and facilitated table discussions focused on practical implications.</p>
10:00 - 10:15	<p>Break <i>[15 mins]</i></p>
10:15 - 11:15	<p>Clinics Round 2: What is genuinely working for social impact professionals managing change in 2026? <i>[In Person, 60 mins]</i></p> <p>This clinic focuses on what is genuinely working for social impact professionals navigating disruption in 2026. Grounded in practitioner insights, the session explores how leaders stay anchored in purpose, build trust, support teams, and collaborate effectively under pressure. Includes speaker input and table discussions designed for candid peer exchange and applied learning.</p>
11:15 - 11:30	<p>Break <i>[15 mins]</i></p>
11:30 - 12:30	<p>Clinics Round 3: How should social impact leaders adapt their language in a more politicised environment? <i>[In Person, 60 mins]</i></p> <p>A practical clinic on how social impact leaders are adapting narrative and language in a more politicised environment. Drawing on real-world lessons from practitioners, participants will explore how to communicate impact with clarity, credibility and business relevance, while avoiding polarising terminology. Includes speaker reflections and facilitated discussions on what resonates today.</p>
12:30 - 1:30	<p>Lunch <i>[60 mins]</i></p>
1:30 - 2:45	<p>Workshop 1: How are current social and environmental challenges disrupting livelihoods? <i>[Hybrid, 75 mins]</i></p> <p>A hybrid workshop exploring the biggest disruptive forces reshaping livelihoods, including AI and climate change. We will take a deeper look at the impacts on women, youth and refugees. Featuring an interview-style panel and facilitated table discussions, participants will share insights and practical responses, drawing on experience from organisations working at the frontline of change.</p>
2:45 - 3:15	<p>Networking Break <i>[30 mins]</i></p>
3:15 - 4:30	<p>Workshop 2: How can companies strengthen livelihoods through their value chains? <i>[Hybrid, 75 mins]</i></p> <p>A hybrid session examining how companies can strengthen livelihoods through their value chains, including suppliers, distributors and employees. Through an interview-style panel and table discussions, participants will explore what effective action looks like in practice, how to embed livelihoods into core business strategy, and how to scale solutions through partnerships.</p>
4:30 - 5:30	<p>Close and Reception <i>[60 mins]</i></p>