

## **Commission on a Gender-Equal Economy**

### **GENERAL CALL FOR EVIDENCE**

The Women's Budget Group is pleased to announce its forthcoming project, an eighteen-month Commission on a Gender-Equal Economy. Building on previous Women's Budget Group work analysing the gender impact of UK economic policy, the Commission will proactively develop alternative economic policies to promote gender equality in the UK. The Commission is chaired by Diane Elson, internationally renowned feminist economist, advisor to the United Nations and the G7, and Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the University of Essex.

[Read more about the Commission on a Gender- Equal Economy.](#)

In advance of the launch of the Commission, we are **calling for evidence on gender equality and the economy from organisations and individuals to help shape the Commission as it develops**. The questions we are asking are intended to be very open, and we welcome all submissions relating to gender equality and the economy. At later stages in the Commission, we will be launching calls for evidence on more specific themes, but this initial call for evidence is intended to be broad.

#### **Our guiding questions are:**

- 1. What are the causes of gender inequality in the economy?**
- 2. How does gender inequality interrelate to other forms of inequality in the economy, such as race inequality, disability, and poverty?**
- 3. What issues are important to research and make proposals on in order to create policies for a gender-equal economy?**
- 4. What resources or publications are important for the Commission on a Gender-Equal Economy to consider?**

We welcome evidence in a range of formats. Written submissions should be no more than 3,000 words in total, and can be accompanied by supporting documents, web links or videos.

We welcome submissions from communities and grassroots women's groups and organisations, as well as work done by think tanks, trade unions, academics, civil society organisations, and representatives from the public and private sectors. We are keen to hear first person accounts about gender inequalities as well as evidence from practice, research and other types of knowledge and experience.

Our call for evidence is open **until 31 March 2019**. Please send evidence to [marion.sharples@wbg.org.uk](mailto:marion.sharples@wbg.org.uk), or you can send hard copy evidence to:

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Please ensure you give us your name, organisation (if relevant) and contact details, indicating if you would like us to treat your evidence anonymously.