



Liz Bayram Advice UK

Liz joined AdviceUK as its Chief Executive in April 2023 and is responsible for the leadership and overall management of the charity. AdviceUK is a small charity that has a big impact. Our purpose is to improve the lives of people in need of advice. We do this by supporting our c700 members, so it is easier for them to help their clients, and by directly influencing policy-makers, decision-makers and funders. In 2024, we welcomed 41 new members who now benefit from the support and expertise of our network; retained 93.5% of our members and, by end of March, will have directly delivered £2.3m of funding to advice services including our members. In 2024, our members provided free, independent advice to over 2.8 million people.



Clare Carter Access to Justice Foundation

Clare Carter is the CEO of the Access to Justice Foundation. She is a solicitor with a background in legal aid work and has also managed a Law Centre before joining the Foundation in 2016. The Access to Justice Foundation is a UK wide fundraising grantmaker which funds free social welfare legal advice.



Agnes Fraser Tar Isteach

With a deep-rooted passion for social justice and empowering marginalized communities, I currently serve as the Welfare Rights Manager at Tar Isteach, part of the North Belfast Advice Partnership. I have been working in Tar Isteach for 25 years, the role focuses on tackling poverty, addressing inequality, and advocating for the rights of some of the most vulnerable individuals and families in Northern Ireland. By working tirelessly to maximize household incomes and ensure people access the support they deserve according to their needs, I strive to create meaningful, life-changing impacts for those living in deprivation.

My career journey has been defined by a commitment to helping others. Before stepping into management, I gained hands-on experience as a Welfare Rights Adviser at both Tar Isteach and the Suffolk and Andersonstown Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). These roles honed my expertise in benefits advice, advocacy, and navigating complex welfare systems for the people who need it most. Prior to my work in the advice sector, I spent 18 years as a nurse & an active trade unionist, standing up for workers' rights and championing fair treatment for all.



David Tarr Department for Communities

David joined the Northern Ireland Civil Service over 25 years ago when he started working in benefit operations which included the introduction of Employment and Support Allowance in 2008. He then moved to a policy role in the Universal Credit Programme in 2012 which involved work on the Welfare Reform Bill. In 2016, David worked on the development and implementation of the Welfare Supplementary Payments and moved with this work to the Social Security Policy and Legislation Division in 2018, where he also became responsible for Discretionary Support policy and legislation. From April 2023, David has been Director of this division where he has the responsibility of Social Security, Pensions and Child Maintenance policy and legislation for Northern Ireland.