



## **My Five Solutions to end poverty in SA Anti-Poverty Week Event, 19 October 2010**

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### **Change the “Message”**

Social values are geared towards *“being successful, having money, nice things and going on nice holidays”* ie. the “have yatches” and the “have nots”. The “message” needs to be geared towards “being able to get basic education, have sufficient funds to rent a house, be able to participate in local sports and recreation activities at an affordable cost and gain a job”.

### **Change the Rules for Accessing Funds**

Remove obstacles for accessing funds and enable creative solutions to be forthcoming. Have broad based guidelines not funding programs that are inflexible. Enable community based organisations to work up the solutions within broad parameters to meet the needs of towns, suburbs and regions. The solutions won't always be “one size fits all” and centre on the needs of those that are recipients.

### **Enter Into “Social Contracts”**

Have a “game plan” – Federal, State and Local Governments working with community based organisations to respond to identified needs.

### **Long Term Funding**

Many community based organisations that are doing great work but are recipients of funding from State and Federal Governments that are short term and usually small amounts of money. Increase the term of funding and the level of funding available and provide job security so relationships in the long term can be built with young people, older South Australians and families over the longer term.

### **Leadership**

Leaders come from all walks of life and from a range of different socio economic situations. Identify a new leadership model and – draw on leaders who have experienced poverty and moved out of the situation, experiencing poverty, entrepreneurs with ideas, social commentators, celebrities, local community organisation workers – the list goes on – put them in a room and see what you come up with in terms of solutions.