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Upcoming *TacklingPovertyNZ* Workshop Queenstown, 29 March 2016

The McGuinness Institute is thrilled to announce the *TacklingPovertyNZ* workshop is going on tour. The first stop is in Queenstown on Tuesday, 29 March 2016. This one-day workshop is the first of a series sparked by the national *TacklingPovertyNZ* workshop in December 2015, an initiative of the McGuinness Institute in collaboration with the New Zealand Treasury.

On the morning of Tuesday, 29 March 2016, participants of the Queenstown workshop will hear from the New Zealand Treasury's Chief Economist and Dame Diane Robertson, followed by six participants from the December *TacklingPovertyNZ* workshop. These presentations will provide a broad national context for the conversation around how to tackle poverty in New Zealand. The afternoon's discussions will focus on the challenges and opportunities facing the local community, and participants will then present their proposals for local solutions at a public event in the evening.

The workshop will take place at the Queenstown Memorial Centre, 1 Memorial St, Queenstown, from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm. The workshop will culminate in a public presentation by the participants from 6.00 to 7.30 pm, followed by refreshments. If you are interested in attending either the workshop or the public presentation that evening, please register your interest at qld.tacklingpoverty@qldc.govt.nz. Special thanks to local collaborators Queenstown Lakes District Council and Catalyst Trust, and local sponsors The Rees Hotel and Deco Backpackers.

About the December 2015 workshop

In December 2015, the McGuinness Institute undertook a three-day workshop in collaboration with the New Zealand Treasury. The purpose was to explore ways to reduce poverty in New Zealand. To see their final presentation, or those of speakers, please watch the Institute's YouTube [TacklingPovertyNZ Playlist](#). To read their recommendations [download](#) their booklet (published 19 February 2016) or click [here](#) to learn more about the 2015 workshop.

About the McGuinness Institute

The McGuinness Institute is a non-partisan think tank working towards a sustainable future, contributing strategic foresight through evidence-based research and policy analysis. We endeavour to undertake research that is independent, innovative and relevant in an educational, professional and ethical manner.

Links of interest:

TacklingPovertyNZ website: www.tacklingpovertynz.org

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