



Maybe it's time we had a commission investigating child poverty.

If kids were testifying before a Commission of Inquiry, they'd have a lot to say.

They'd say that the real scandal in this country is that 15% of our children – more than 1,000,000 kids – live below the poverty line.

They might remind us that more than 15 years ago Parliament voted

unanimously to end child poverty.

They'd assure us that Europe and Scandinavia have proven conclusively that child poverty rates can be dramatically reduced with no risk to national economies.

They'd probably ask for a national early childhood education and care

plan, affordable housing, a livable minimum wage, and support for the National Child Tax Benefit.

Now that would be testimony worth hearing.

Or maybe we should just forget about such difficult social issues and have another election.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHILD POVERTY

It's a matter of conscience

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