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*"Do not believe that
things will always be as
they are now"*

-St Louise de Marillac

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...to the Vincentians in Partnership justice e-newsletter. Please [get in touch](#) if you would like more information about any of the items featured or if you have an article for inclusion in the next newsletter.



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Support the Bishops on Welfare Reform!

Please [email your MP TODAY](#) to ask them to support the Lords' amendments to the Welfare Reform Bill.

On Wednesday Parliament will debate the Welfare Reform Bill. Led by some bishops, peers in the House of Lords have proposed amendments to this Bill which would protect vulnerable groups. But the Government plans to abuse its parliamentary privilege to overturn the amendments.

The Lords have taken a principled, moral stand to support the most vulnerable people in our society. **Challenge your MP to do the same** and email them using the [Close the Gap e-action](#).





Poverty and Homelessness Action Week -get involved!

This week (28 January-5 February 2012) is **Poverty and Homelessness Action Week**. The theme this year is '**Breaking Barriers**'. Our world is filled with barriers between people, between the rich and poor, the housed and homeless and the bankers and the rest.

Churches and community projects can **break these barriers**. They can challenge prejudice, enable excluded people to live full lives, and build a fairer world.

There are loads of ways you can get involved with activities going on across the country and a prayer calendar to follow online. For details see the [Action Week website](#)



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VIP Justice Days

Join us in 2012 for a series of inspiring and informative 'Poverty, Politics and Justice Days':

Saturday 28th April 2012 – LACE centre in **Liverpool**. Run in conjunction with Liverpool Diocese Justice and Peace

Saturday 30th June 2012 – St Wilfrid's Centre, **Sheffield**

Thursday 20th September 2012 – Westminster Central Hall, **London**

Download the booking form from the [VIP website](#).



Z2K's NextDoor project now live!

Z2K's dedicated **Housing Benefit cuts helpline**, [NextDoor](#), is now live. The helpline is designed to provide information and support to privately

renting tenants in **Westminster** who are threatened with homelessness as a result of the Government's changes to Housing Benefit.

The free helpline is 08088 02 05 08

Free of charge, even from mobile. Lines will be open from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

To find out more visit the [website](#) or contact them on 0208 964 0961 or email nextdoor@z2k.org.



Introduction to social media courses

Are interested in how social media can help you achieve the aims of your organisation but don't know where to start? The VIP are running practical hands-on courses to teach you the **basics of social media** and highlight the **benefits for your organisation**.

The next one-day courses are in London on 28th and 29th February 2012.

Just £20 for Vincentian members!

[Get in touch](#) for more information and to reserve your place today.





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