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Social Justice

- Social Inclusion
 - Closing the Opportunity Gap
 - Employability, young people, families, older people, rural issues, health
 - Child Poverty
 - Financial Inclusion

Social Justice

- Equality Unit
 - Disability and sexual orientation
 - Race, religion and refugee integration
 - Gender equality
 - Violence against women
 - Sectarianism

Social Justice

- Voluntary Issues
 - Policy
 - Strategic funding review
 - Volunteering infrastructure
 - Scottish Compact
 - Social economy development
 - Business management
 - Voluntary sector grants management
 - Cross-Departmental liaison

Closing the Opportunity Gap

- To **Prevent** individuals or families from falling into poverty
- To **Provide routes out** of poverty for individuals and families
- To **Sustain** individuals or families in a lifestyle free from poverty

Closing the Opportunity Gap

- Coverage
 - Employability
 - Children
 - Regeneration
 - Financial inclusion
 - Health
 - Rural issues

Housing

- Increasing investment
 - Target for affordable house building raised from the current three-year target of 18,000 new approvals to 21,500
 - 16,500 homes for social rent
 - 5,000 for low-cost home ownership

Housing

- Tackling homelessness and waiting lists
 - By 2012 to give all homeless people the entitlement to a permanent home
 - Also improving availability of social housing for rent for people on housing waiting lists

Housing

- Supporting aspirations
 - Increase in low-cost homes
 - Aspirations of people on modest incomes
 - Seeking to move into home ownership
 - Priced out of the market in areas of high demand

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Thank You