

The Story We Tell About Poverty Isn't True

< LFAA RESOURCES < THE EXCHANGES

The Exchange

07 May 2024

This TED Talk by Mia Birdson, founding Executive Director of Next River, was posted in May 2015. As a global community, we all want to end poverty. Mia Birdsong suggests a great place to start: Let's honor the skills, drive, and initiative that poor people bring to the struggle every day. She asks us to look again at people in poverty: They may be broke — but they're not broken.

LFAA is not a law firm and does not provide legal services or referrals. The contents of this resource do not constitute legal advice and the user of this resource agrees that no attorney-client relationship is being formed between the user and any person or entity, including LFAA and the lawyers or law firms that drafted the resource. LFAA makes no representation regarding the accuracy of any information included in this resource.

Tags

Poverty, Children & Youth, Domestic & Sexual Violence Survivors, Elderly, Families, Formerly Incarcerated, General, Homelessness, Immigrants & Refugees, Implicit Bias, LGBTQ+, Pre-Incarcerated & Incarcerated, Veterans & Military Families, Women, Workers & Unemployed

External Links

[TED Talk: The Story We Tell About Poverty Isn't True](#)

LFAA is not a law firm and does not provide legal services or referrals to individuals, legal services organizations or public interest agencies. If you believe you need a lawyer, please contact your local bar association or go to www.lawhelp.org.



© 2026 Law Firm Antiracism Alliance. All Rights Reserved