



## What participants say about A Framework for Understanding Poverty

Naim Walker's presentation on Understanding Poverty was stunning – certainly among the best and most incisive that I have attended in my thirty plus years in the Department.

Naim's delivery style is entertaining and compelling but she never loses sight of the serious nature of her subject matter. She gave me a depth of understanding of the nature and culture of poverty that I have never had before despite working in underprivileged areas for several years.

We have already booked Naim for our Regional Principals' Conference this year and we intend to use her for several other seminars. I cannot recommend her too highly.

**DON PAPROTH, Senior Education Officer,  
Department of Education and Training, Victoria**

I recommend this workshop to all who work with young people from poverty. It will increase your knowledge and understanding of the behaviours and thought patterns of many of our challenging youth.... make your work so much easier and more effective.

**Meg Roche, You Can Do It! Education  
State Trainer, Western Australia.**

I was so impressed with the quality of the knowledge and skills provided by the Frameworks workshop that I immediately arranged for all of my staff to benefit from the same experience. I found this workshop was unique in its ability to convey not only meaningful theoretical knowledge but also insightful practical skills.... It highlights the many inaccurate assumptions and unachievable expectations that we tend to have when working with people from social disadvantage. Hence it shows why some of our well intended actions flounder or end in conflict... This workshop has had a profoundly positive effect on my school.

**Mr Chris Branson, Principal,  
St Francis College, Queensland.**

The Frameworks course was excellent. So much of the course made me wish I had done it years ago. I will definitely use the ideas in my classroom as they are applicable to all students not just those from poverty.

**Kirsty Farrant,  
Upper Hut School, New Zealand**