Persistent poverty in Britain

General teaching ideas

Media clips
The website www.21stCenturyChallenges.org contains all the speeches made by the panel members. Each contains material that could be used to get a plenary discussion going with a small sixth form group. The different perspectives could be challenged by the students.

Different perspectives
Lesson 1 is based primarily of the research undertaken by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, as this links to the 21st Century Challenges discussion event. However, there are a number of sources of information which could equally be used. Most charities in the UK present the findings of their research.

Skills and cross curricular links
Lesson 1 is designed to promote thinking further and improving communication skills. Links could be made with the A level specifications e.g. For example by asking key questions such as ‘How does the UK example compare to LEDCs?’

Links to exam board specifications
The majority of the examination boards specify global poverty however; these lessons could be used as a general teaching tool to compare a LEDC with an MEDC.