

On World Debt Day, 16th May 2005, supporters of **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY North East** decided to put POVERTY where it belongs - into the (history) museum! The photo shows Poverty being put into the Hancock museum in Newcastle.



The campaign's local coordinator, Dr David Golding, says that: "Museums like the Hancock are great places, full of interest and value. But some things belong there and nowhere else, and abject poverty is one such! Getting rid of the inherited debts of the poorest countries, which hang like millstones round their necks and prevent them from offering even the basics of life to their people, would be a major step forward for all humanity."

The Campaign received this message from Tony Blair:

"You in Jubilee Debt Campaign have influenced public opinion and persuaded governments and institutions all round the world to act justly and in the name of common sense. The debts of the poorest are not only unfair. They are unproductive and help no one to get out of poverty and contribute to their own and the world's prosperity as so many millions desperately want to do.

"On World Debt Day 2005 I salute your achievements and your determination, and join my hopes and prayers with yours that this year in particular may see great advances towards the goal of a world where abject poverty is a thing of the past."