

1. Do you receive any queries in relation to discrimination based on the claimant's socio economic status or poverty – do you think there is a need for such a ground within the anti discrimination legislation?

Many amongst our clients belong to the Roma minority and live within multiply deprived socio-economic circumstances, in poor regions. We usually receive complaints concerning poverty, however, in these cases complainants mostly want our help in their financial problems, paying for their bills or their prescriptions. Often we receive queries relating to social aid or unemployment benefit. Most of these claims however do not imply discrimination based on socio-economic status, rather indirect race discrimination.

Hungarian equal treatment legislation covers financial and social situation, however, we only use it as an auxiliary to indirect discrimination.

2. In your information /awareness raising work do you take any steps to address barriers that might arise from the socio economic status/poverty experienced by people within the grounds you cover - could you describe these steps taken?

We travel for some days to some very deprived areas of the country, where we gather complaints from the people who would probably otherwise not ask for our help.

3. Have you done any work on the interaction between poverty and discrimination - could you describe the work done?