Breaking cycles of poverty

What role for employment and skills?

Introduction

- Joseph Rowntree Foundation review of ‘poverty dynamics’ research identified **recurrent** poverty as a gap
- Commissioned new programme in 2007
- Four of five reports plus a summary being published today
  - Fifth to follow later in 2010
- Aimed to investigate **causes of and solutions to ‘cycles of poverty’ and unemployment**

Plan of presentation

- Quantitative overview using the BHPS
  - Dr Mark Tomlinson, University of Oxford
- Qualitative interviews with people at risk
  - Dr Kathryn Ray, Policy Studies Institute
  - Prof Ronald McQuaid, Edinburgh Napier University
  - Dr Tracy Shildrick, Teeside University
- Employer case studies
  - Hilary Metcalf, National Institute for Economic & Social Research
- Conclusions and implications for policy
  - Chris Goulden, Joseph Rowntree Foundation