

Gilding the Ghetto

The phrase 'Gilding the Ghetto' was used by the Home Office in 1969 to describe one of the motives behind the creation of CDP and other initiatives designed to tackle urban poverty. This report reviews the poverty programmes of the 1960s, criticising their effectiveness in the face of the continued deterioration of social and economic conditions in Britain's older urban areas and suggesting alternative explanations for the growing concerns of government about urban poverty.

