



# HOMELESSNESS

PUPIL WORKSHEET



## Close To Home: Causes Of Homelessness

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YOUR JOB**

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*The Salvation Army Homelessness Services are committed to serving and empowering individuals so their voice can be heard and they can positively move on to living a more independent life.*



The Salvation Army is committed to engaging with people, establishing positive relationships and seeing real transformation. It's about people in real-life situations, facing tragedies, difficulties, struggling.

They are inspired by their Christian faith and are encouraged by good news stories of people who have been through a tough time, but who have finally overcome their difficulties and are in a better place now.

### WHAT SUPPORT DO THEY OFFER?

A number of The Salvation Army's Lifehouses (this is what its hostels are called) offer emergency accommodation on a night-by-night basis to people who have nowhere else to stay.

During periods of extreme weather, Salvation Army Lifehouses and churches make use of all available space in order to protect people from the cold.

Many Salvation Army churches are part of a cold weather night shelter scheme along with other churches in their area. They work on a rota basis where halls and community areas are opened up for people sleeping rough.

With everyone they meet, they try to establish why they are sleeping rough and

what barriers they may be facing to accessing services.

They work with councils and local providers to cater to the immediate needs of people affected by homelessness, signposting other services they can access.

*They act as a bridge between vulnerable adults and the help they need by taking time to listen.*

They are passionate about ensuring that the individual is the key focus in all that they do. These centres are a lifeline where people can address issues around their

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homelessness and make positive decisions about their future. Many offer specific education, training and employment programmes, rebuilding lives by equipping the individual with the relevant skills and qualifications to find employment or to gain further education.

Most of their services have their own on-site chaplain who supports both staff and residents. They have more than 80 Homelessness Services facilities around the UK and Republic of Ireland, all with a 'more than a place to stay' approach to support work.

## WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE SUPPORT?

The centres offer support to help people become job-ready, to get a job and to stay in work. The holistic approach to removing the barriers to work gives support that is tailored to individual needs and circumstances. Once people have got back on their feet, The Salvation Army helps them to stay there, through budgeting advice and ongoing support.

The Salvation Army runs social enterprises and social enterprise projects, such as the 'Recycles' bicycle centre. Recycles is a

meeting place and resource centre for cycling enthusiasts in Swindon. The mechanics are all service users at Booth House (a Lifehouse in Swindon), and they professionally repair or service bicycles at a competitive price or sell a quality refurbished model ready to go.

As well as Recycles, The Sandwich People is another social enterprise run by The Salvation Army at Booth House. Operating as a buffet delivery service with special orders to suit individual requirements, The Sandwich People gives the people who live at the Lifehouse the opportunity to gain professionally accredited food-handling training. They can also put themselves forward to be assessed for NVQ2 in customer service.

As well as this, The Sandwich People aims to help people get into a regular routine and develop essential work skills.

*This is just one example of how homeless people can have opportunities to train in work and rebuild their lives.*

As Trevor, one of the Lifehouse residents says, 'The Salvation Army has given me a life and I'm living it and enjoying it.'



### CASE STUDY



### *Ilford Salvation Army - Project Malachi*

*Project Malachi started when a boy called Malachi sent The Salvation Army in Ilford £5 he had received 'from the tooth fairy'.*

Its vision is for a new 'pop-up hostel' in East London. Led by The Salvation Army in Ilford, and supported by a sponsoring committee of senior local faith leaders, Project Malachi is a radical new approach to rough sleeping, creating a new kind of homelessness hostel, with an integrated bicycle refurbishment social enterprise.

This innovative project is the first of its kind to target rough sleepers who have No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) in this way.

*This project would be the first of its kind, tailored specifically to the needs in Ilford, but replicable in other parts of the country which also have a high number of NRPF rough sleepers.*

The preferred new building will be a temporary structure created from converted shipping containers, creating accommodation and workshop facilities allowing residents to make informed decisions about their future, whether this is:

*Getting into employment and enabling self-sufficiency*

*Reconnecting to country of origin*

*Gain leave to remain or naturalisation, and becoming eligible for support in mainstream service*

# MOVING ON

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*Close To Home: What Do You Need?*

**COOKING  
FACILITIES**

**SOMEWHERE  
TO PRAY**

**MAKE FRIENDS**

**HAVE FUN**

↑ ADD ONE OF YOUR OWN THAT YOU FIND IMPORTANT ↓

**A BED**

**HELP WITH  
ADDICTIONS**

**SOMETHING TO DO  
DURING THE DAY**

**CHANCE TO LEARN NEW SKILLS  
OR GAIN A QUALIFICATION**

**ACCESS TO  
LAUNDRY FACILITIES**

**HELP GETTING YOUR  
OWN PLACE**

**SOMEWHERE TO  
WATCH TV**

**BATHROOM**

**PRIVATE  
ROOM**

**HELP WITH PERSONAL ISSUES, EG,  
ANGER/MONEY MANAGEMENT**

**SOMEONE TO HELP YOU  
ACCESS BENEFITS**



# HOMELESSNESS

TEACHER RESOURCE



*Close To Home: Campaign 1*

## **CAMPAIGN:** CREATE A CAMPAIGN FOR #EndHomelessness



