

Realities of Homelessness

Activity 6: Reflection on Homelessness Activities

This activity gives pupils an opportunity to reflect on what they have learned about homelessness. Having participated in the lessons and class discussions, pupils should have gained a deeper understanding of homelessness as a societal issue.

Preparation

Pupils will need access to the homeless picture they created in Activity 1: What is Homelessness?

Learning Intentions

Pupils will:

- explore and develop their understanding of homelessness;
- be aware of homelessness as a societal issue;
- begin to develop empathy for people experiencing homelessness;
- understand that people have negative attitudes;
- explore issues of prejudice and stereotypes; and
- know some factors that can cause people to become homeless.

Resources

Large piece of paper or card
Markers

Review of Learning

Ask your pupils to refer back to the picture they created in Activity 1: What is Homelessness? Encourage them to complete another drawing and write a short paragraph to explain it.

In groups or pairs, ask your pupils to discuss whether their opinions have changed and if so why.

Then, bring the class together to share their findings.

Action to End Homelessness

Everyone has a part to play in ending homelessness. Ask your pupils to write a letter to or create a presentation for a local government representative, emphasising the urgent need for action to end homelessness.



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Extension



Organise a school assembly focusing on homelessness. Invite someone from a homelessness organisation to share information and local experiences of homelessness. Encourage your pupils to talk to their friends and family about the causes of homelessness and how to prevent it.