Lesson objectives

By the end of the lesson, ALL students will learn: The reasons why young people find themselves homeless and to know where to access advice and support.

By the end of the lesson, MOST students should learn: That there are a range of reasons why young people find themselves homeless, the stereotypical images of the homeless and know where to access advice and support with confidence.

By the end of the lesson, SOME students could learn: To analyse the advice and support available to young homeless people and challenge the stereotypical images of the homeless. To discuss the reasons why a young person would decide to leave home and become homeless.

Homelessness

People who are **homeless** are amongst the most **vulnerable** in our society, suffering from a combination of poor housing, unemployment, low-income, bad health, poor skills, loneliness, isolation and relationship breakdowns.

You will work with a partner to find out what the word ‘homeless’ really means to the people of the United kingdom. Why they become ‘homeless’ and what is being done by **charities** to help these people find a safe and secure place to live

Use the questions and statements on the following sheet as a base for your research. Keywords in bold type may help with your investigations.

REMEMBER

When writing up your answer you MUST say where you got your information from. Make a note of the books you use – Title and Author, and the web address of any internet site that you use. This is known as your **bibliography**.

Working with your partner, discuss what being homeless might mean to you – make a list of the things that you think make a home.

It is not only the young who often find themselves without safe, secure accommodation – explain some of the reasons that many of them find themselves without a permanent address.

How important is it to feel secure - think about a person sleeping on a friend’s floor – would you consider that person to be homeless – investigate the terms **‘Hidden Homeless’** , **‘Sofa Surfing’ and ‘Sleeping Rough’**

What can you discover about the charity **‘Centrepoint’** – are there any other charities that work especially with the homeless- what help do they offer to homeless persons – and how could they improve what they do?

Why it is important to have a permanent address? How do you think moving around might affect health, education and finding work

Emmaus