

LESSON TITLE	Homelessness	
OBJECTIVES	PREPARATION	

- To expand our awareness of social challenges around us.
- To build a framework to identify and understand social issues.

- Test SLW Powerpoint #5
- Philanthropic Journals

CURRICULUM

INTRO	<p>Recap Session #5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Last session we spoke about the challenge of being judged. We watched the video about celebrities and the Jana Amin video about telling your story. What stood out from that session for you?” 	5 min
SHARING	<p>Homelessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Today we are going to explore the issue of homelessness. While we are exploring this as a big group today, starting next week we will be identifying issues that we individually care about. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ What do you know about homelessness already? ◦ What do you know and what are you curious about?” 	
NEW IDEAS	<p>True or False:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Bad choices” are often the reason for homelessness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Not true. Most often it is a sudden illness, an accident, losing one’s job or falling into debt which causes one to loose their home.” 2. People who are homeless spend all their money on drugs and alcohol. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not True. Interviews with street homeless persons show that most of their money goes to buying food and amenities such as socks, hygiene products, and bottled water. Although some do spend money on alcohol or drugs, the same can be said of anyone.” 	10 min

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3. “People just need a job to get out of homelessness.”

- Not True. A significant portion of homeless people do have jobs—they just cannot afford to pay rent. It is also hard to apply for a job with no address, no clean clothes, no place to shower, and the stigma of being homeless. “

*Source: <https://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/news/2019/september/HomelessQandA.html>

Personal Narrative

- “Let’s watch this interview of a man named John.”
- “What did you notice about this interview? What did you learn?”
- “There are many types of homelessness. It can affect a person or a family. You can be homeless and sleep in a car, at a friend’s house, or in hotels. It can be long-term or just for a few days.”
- “If you look at the list of universal challenges, which of these would be true for someone experiencing homelessness.?”
- “If you were to pass a homeless person on the street, how could you help make their day better?” How could you do it by how you act? How could you do it by what you say?”

10 min

CLOSING ACTIONS

Solutions

- “This art piece was designed to bring awareness and change how people think about homelessness.”
- Is it effective? How does it challenge your thinking?

5 min

Philanthropy Journal

- “What needs to change about how we think about homelessness?”