

# What do you believe?

Scout group or location:

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Age (or age ranges of the group):

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I am completing this:

for myself / on behalf of the group / for someone in the community

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**There are no right or wrong answers to these questions about homelessness, and it doesn't matter whether you're an expert on the topic or whether you know nothing. You should answer based on what you think.**

**No one will know what you answer unless you tell them. If you'd rather complete the questionnaire yourself, without me reading the questions, that's fine too.**

1. Do you understand what is meant by homelessness?

Yes / No / Not sure

Everyone should just answer the rest of the questions based on what they think homelessness is. It doesn't really matter if they're not sure.

2. On a scale of one to five, how big of a problem do you think homelessness is in the UK today? One is 'a very small problem and five is 'a very big problem'.

1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / Not sure

3. I'm going to read out some different scenarios. For each one, please say whether you think the person should be considered homeless or not. Remember there are no right or wrong answers (or trick questions).

I sleep outside on the streets most nights. Sometimes I sleep in a shop doorway. Sometimes I sleep on the bus. When I wake up, I don't know where I'll be sleeping that evening.

Yes, I think they're homeless / No, I don't think they're homeless / I don't know

I'm sleeping at my friend's place because I don't have my own home. I've been here for two weeks, but I don't know how much longer my friend will let me stay. I don't know where I'm going next.

Yes, I think they're homeless / No, I don't think they're homeless / I don't know

I live with my parents in a house and I share a room with my little brother. We've lived here for three years and we haven't got plans to move.

Yes, I think they're homeless / No, I don't think they're homeless / I don't know

I share a two bedroom flat with eight other people. We have one bathroom and one kitchen. I share my room with five other people. There's only space for two single beds.

Yes, I think they're homeless / No, I don't think they're homeless / I don't know

I live in a hostel that's specifically for people who don't have their own home. I have my own room, but I have to share my bathroom and kitchen with all the other people who live here. We have no living room. Some of the people here are very noisy and they can make me feel unsafe. I don't have anywhere else to go.

Yes, I think they're homeless / No, I don't think they're homeless / I don't know

I share a two bedroom flat with one other person. I have my own room but we share our bathroom and our kitchen.

Yes, I think they're homeless / No, I don't think they're homeless / I don't know

4. When you think about people who are homeless, or people who have nowhere to live, how does it make you feel?

Very concerned / Concerned / A little bit concerned / Not at all concerned

5. The next few questions are about what you think causes homelessness in the UK. For each of the statements, please say how much you agree. Remember there are no right or wrong answers (or trick questions).

Some people make bad choices in their lives. This might be things like taking drugs or committing crimes. These choices lead them to becoming homeless.

Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree or disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / I don't know

Some people aren't very good at managing their money. This means that they might not always spend it on the things that appear to be the most important, like paying their bills. They also might have problems saving their money.

Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree or disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / I don't know

In this country, we don't have enough houses that people can afford to live in so some people aren't able to get a home that they can afford.

Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree or disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / I don't know

Some people are not paid very much for the work that they do. This means that even though they might work very hard, they don't have enough money to pay for all the things that they need – including a home to live in.

Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree or disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / I don't know

People sometimes need support from the government to help them when they're not working and don't have enough money to live on. This might make sure they can afford to eat when they're looking for work, or that they can afford to stay in their home. At the moment, the support people can get isn't always enough to help them.

Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree or disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree / I don't know

6. This is the last question. How much do you agree with the following statement?

We can get rid of homelessness for good in our country.

Strongly disagree / Disagree / Neither agree nor disagree / Agree / Strongly agree / I don't know