



THE BIG ISSUE CLASSROOM

RELEVANCE TO THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

GEOGRAPHY

Levels 7 to 10

The Big Issue Classroom provides unique workshops co-presented by a trained facilitator and a guest speaker who has experienced homelessness and is employed to share their story with school students. Our one-hour workshop 'Discussions About Homelessness and Disadvantage' is suitable for students studying Geography in all States and Territories and links to the Australian Curriculum by providing students with information and opportunities to apply their skills.

CONTENT DESCRIPTIONS	THE BIG ISSUE CLASSROOM
<p>Year 7 Place and liveability</p> <p>The factors that influence the decisions people make about where to live and their perceptions of the liveability of places (AC9HG7K05)</p> <p>The influence of accessibility to services and facilities on the liveability of places (AC9HG7K06)</p> <p>The influence of cultural connectedness of people to places and how this influences their identity, sense of belonging and perceptions of liveability of place (AC9HG7K07)</p> <p>The strategies used to enhance the liveability of places, especially for young people, including examples from Australia and Europe (AC9HG7K08)</p>	<p>Explains factors that cause homelessness, and discuss liveability of places with regard to different forms of homelessness</p> <p>Presents the guest speaker's story, showing how homelessness had an impact on their social connectedness and community identity, how their access to services and facilities shaped their experience of the liveability of places</p> <p>Explores the implications of homelessness for the wellbeing and liveability of cities, towns and regional areas.</p> <p>Introduces students to The Big Issue's enterprises which aim to improve human wellbeing and the liveability of places in Australia through work and sporting opportunities</p>
<p>Year 8 Changing nations</p> <p>Strategies to manage the sustainability of Australia's changing urban places (AC9HG8K09)</p>	<p>Explores homelessness as an urban challenge and the potential of social enterprise to be a positive development in Australia's urban future</p>
<p>Year 9 Geographies of interconnections</p> <p>The ways changing transportation and technologies are used to connect people to services, information and people in other places (AC9HG9K05)</p> <p>The effects on places of people's travel, recreational, cultural or leisure choices, and the strategies for managing the impacts on these places (AC9HG9K06)</p>	<p>Prompts thinking about how the experience of homelessness can influence individuals' perceptions of place</p> <p>Invites guest speakers to comment on their experience with connecting to services when homeless. Discussion can focus on the presence or absence of ICT and transportation in speakers' lives.</p> <p>Offers new perspectives on our urban and rural landscapes</p>
<p>Year 10 Geographies of human wellbeing</p> <p>The methods used to measure spatial variations in human wellbeing and development, and how these can be applied to determine differences between places at the global scale (AC9HG10K05)</p> <p>The reasons for, and consequences of, spatial variations in human wellbeing in Australia (AC9HG10K07), and at a regional and national scale (AC9HG10K06)</p> <p>Responses of international and national government and non-government organisations to improve human wellbeing in Australia and other countries (AC9HG10K08)</p>	<p>Considers how place can impact on a person's capacity to feel socially connected and supported</p> <p>Explores how homelessness causes differences in human wellbeing</p> <p>Discusses ways in which government and non-government organisations such as The Big Issue can improve human wellbeing locally and internationally</p>