World Homeless Day

Teacher Guide

(This guide is to accompany the World Homeless Day Powerpoint resource)

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Sometimes we have holidays or "international days" to celebrate something. Other times, such as with World Homeless Day, we have put aside this day to educate and raise awareness about important and urgent issues affecting our societies. Notice that it is "world," because homelessness affects all countries/societies in the world.

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Ask: show of hands - do you know who these people are? (Jennifer Lopez, Halle Berry, Charlie Chaplin, Ed Sheeran, Chris Pratt) Can you tell me what they all have in common? They're very famous artists... some actors, some singers... that's true. But also, all of them have experienced homelessness. Homelessness does not have a race or gender. Homelessness can look very different.

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Anyone from celebrities, to someone you go to church with, to your friend and their family. It is possible that people in this room have been or are homeless. Learning more about homelessness, can help solve homelessness and make sure that everyone understands that the right to safe and secure housing is something we all have.

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It's really hard to say what homelessness is, because different cultures understand it differently.

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Also, because some homelessness is INVISIBLE - and you might not think of it as homelessness.

Why do you think there's homelessness that is "visible" and "invisible"?

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Discuss each of the images of homelessness. What are the similarities/differences in each.

Street homeless, Photo credit: Photocall Ireland

Overcrowding , Photo credit: Kartya Walker

Slum, Photo Credit: Filipino children sit in front of their slum homes in Manila, Philippines. Activists are trying to organize slum dwellers in order to provide them with a political voice.

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World statistics source: https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/

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FROM UNANIMA International Research: The causes of homelessness across the globe are different and complicated, though some consistently stand out, including:

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- inability to access affordable or secure housing,
- lack of social protection systems
- poverty,
- unemployment
- family breakdown.
- Lack of services and access to facilities for those experiencing mental illness,
- substance abuse and displacement caused by conflicts and natural disasters are also contributing factors.

Class activity: Brain storm as a class and think of things that might cause homelessness in your community.

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https://www.driveplayer.com/#fileIds=1GT1x4iuf_hQByYx5l3f9jGd qXNpWJuDn&userId={userId} Link to an interview with 18 year old Amanda

Class activity discuss how you would feel if you didn't have a home.

Image source: Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness https://www.icphusa.org/maps_infographics/homeless-students-are/

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Image source: https://www.thejournal.ie/book-sellers-ireland-3195886-Jan2017/

How many of you go to the library?

Well, in some countries, and especially the United States, libraries provide a very important space for helping the homeless. First of all, they provide a safe and comfortable environment to spend free time in that keeps you safe from bad weather and entertained. They also often have information or resources that can help struggling families.

Remember, you never know who may have experienced homelessness - this is just one more reason to be kind to the people around you!

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Explain the activity, and then discuss what pupils included in their drawings. Did they include a toilet/sink/cleaning materials/hygiene materials? Did they leave enough space for multiple people? Did they remember a roof? A floor? Somewhere to sleep? A lock on the door? Etc.

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For more information, see the UNANIMA website https://www.unanima-international.org/