

RESOURCES

A learning experience that makes a difference

The Big Issue Classroom is a unique educational experience offering students the opportunity to hear first-hand from people who have experienced homelessness. The engaging and entertaining sessions help to breakdown stereotypes surrounding disadvantage in our community. The one-hour workshops are linked to the Australian Curriculum and tailored to suit primary and secondary students. Interactive online eClassroom sessions are also available. Better still, every workshop booked provides paid work for a homeless or disadvantaged Australian.

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Causes of homelessness



RELEVANCE TO GEOGRAPHY Levels 7 to 10

	COURSE CONTENT DESCRIPTIONS	THE BIG ISSUE CLASSROOM 'DISCUSSIONS OF HOMELESSNESS AND DISADVANTAGE'
Place and Liveability	<p>The factors that influence the decisions people make about where to live and their perceptions of the liveability of places (ACHGK043)</p> <p>The influence of accessibility to services and facilities on the liveability of places (ACHGK044)</p> <p>The influence of social connectedness, community identity and perceptions of crime and safety on the liveability of places (ACHGK046)</p> <p>The strategies used to enhance the liveability of places, especially for young people, including examples from Australia and Europe (ACHGK047)</p>	<p>Understand factors that cause homelessness, and discuss liveability of places with regard to different forms of homelessness</p> <p>Hear how the guest speaker's 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 seek to improve human wellbeing and the liveability of places in Australia through work and sporting opportunities</p>
Changing Nations	<p>The management and planning for Australia's urban future (ACHGK059)</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>
Geographies of Interconnections	<p>The perceptions people have of place, and how this influences their connections to different places (ACHGK065)</p> <p>The way transportation and information and communication technologies are used to connect people to services, information and people in other places (ACHGK066)</p> <p>The effects of people's travel, recreational, cultural or leisure choices on places, and the implications for the future of these places (ACHGK069)</p>	<p>Learn how the experience of homelessness can influence individuals' perceptions of place</p> <p>Guest speakers can comment on their experience with transportation and ICT during their experience of homelessness</p> <p>Guest speaker stories present new perspectives on our urban and rural landscapes</p>
Geographies of Human Wellbeing	<p>The reasons for and consequences of spatial variations in human wellbeing in Australia at the local scale (ACHGK080)</p> <p>The role of international and national government and non-government organisations' initiatives in improving human wellbeing in Australia and other countries (ACHGK081)</p>	<p>Consider how place can impact on a person's capacity to feel socially connected and supported</p> <p>Research ways in which government and non-government organisations such as The Big Issue can improve human wellbeing locally and internationally</p>

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