



Aims of the Module

This module is aims to:

- explore the importance of having a home.
- discuss your perceptions of homelessness.
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What causes homelessness?

As homelessness is so complicated it can be very difficult to determine one cause that leads an individual to become homeless. The simple answer, using the legal definitions, is that homelessness occurs when someone doesn't have a suitable place to stay. Whilst this is true there are often several other reasons that have contributed to a person becoming homeless.

(Group) activity:

Here is a selection of potential causes for homelessness. Think about how each could lead to homelessness (you may want to research some of them in more detail) and give them a number from 1-10 based on which cause you think is most common (1) through to the least common (10) reason within Scotland.

Rank: Unemployment:

Leaving an institution (Army, Care, Prison etc.):

Addiction (Drug, Alcohol, Gambling etc.):

Parents unwilling/unable to provide accommodation:

Domestic Violence:

End of Tenancy:

Debt:

Breakdown of relationship:

Disability:

Choice:

The Numbers

Who is affected by Homelessness?

Between September 2016 and September 2017 nearly 35,000 people in Scotland presented as homeless to their local council. This equates to approximately 1 person out of every 200 wqf ev (e)7.9 (ry)-4.5 (3rf4 2