



2018 - Community  
Action Campaign

Homelessness- What,  
When, Where and How

Girlguiding Leicestershire Taking Action in 2018! -  
Get involved in our project about homelessness and  
supporting children and young people.

We have put together a set of activities for a single unit meeting, for all sections. Following the meeting you are asked to take action by collecting personal hygiene items including sanitary products, which will go to 'Code Red' to be distributed to homeless shelters, food banks and refuges across Leicestershire.

## Homelessness- What , When, Where and How

Rainbow Session 1 hour

### Introduction to homelessness

*Put pictures up around the room to prompt discussion*

Read simple definition of homelessness; ask Rainbows what they understand by the term homelessness.

*Definitions at the end of this pack*

**Family Soup - Game** (Family Get together - The Guide Association 1994)

*Suggested pictures at the end of this pack, but you can always find your own*

Everyone sits in a circle. Each person has a picture which has a link to families. One person begins by making up a story based on her picture, after a few sentences the next girl takes over the story; this carries on until everyone has contributed to the story.

The aim of this game is to start to think about why people become homeless.

### Is a house a home?

Individually, ask girls to draw their home on a large piece of paper. Then list or draw nine things they could not live without. Share with everyone in the group and discuss.

*What are a child's basic needs? At the end of the pack you will find Maslow hierarchy of needs with an explanation.*

Now ask the girls to think about children who are homeless, what things might they need? List or draw on a large piece of paper altogether in one large group. You might want to refer back to the pictures around the room.

### How can we help homeless children?

As Girlguiding Leicestershire we want to help girls and young women who are homeless, or are at risk of being homeless, we want to make sure they have access to personal toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and for the older girls sanitary products, which is why we have teamed up with 'Code Red' a local campaign collecting sanitary products and raising awareness of period poverty.

Ask the girls to tell all their friends and families about our campaign, if you have time you might want to make posters to tell people about homelessness and the collection.

Or you could make a collection box for 'Code Red' and get your wider community collecting.

Please bring collected items to our County Office between Sept 2018 and Dec 2018.

For more help with this pack contact  
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