

# WALK FOR HOME



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# WALK THIS WAY TO HELP END homelessness

Last year, over **274,000 people** were made homeless in England, including **126,000 children**. This winter, many more will struggle to find a safe and warm place to call home.

The housing emergency is getting worse, and we desperately need real and lasting change. So, rally your students, lace up your trainers and join us on the journey to end homelessness.

**IT'S TIME TO WALK FOR HOME.**



# How it works

Walk For Home is our winter walking event to help end homelessness.

This year, we are inviting schools to join walkers across the country to raise money and help families find a warm and safe place to call home.

## 1. PICK A DATE

Walk with students between 1st and 8th December.

## 2. PLAN YOUR ROUTE

You can walk as far as you like, wherever you like. Walk a mile, do laps of your playground or let your students decide.

## 3. PREPARE YOUR CLASS

Remind the children to bring warm layers, a hat and scarf to prepare them for a cold day out.

## 4. GET FUNDRAISING

We've got resources and tips to help make your fundraising easy for your school.



# Fundraising Tips and Advice

Once you've planned the big day, it's time to think about fundraising. Encourage each child to bring in a contribution on the day of your walk. If each child brings £1, it will all add up to make a big difference.

Use one of our sponsorship forms or better still, set up a JustGiving page and encourage your students to get sponsored online.

You could motivate your students by setting a goal. Make fundraising a competition between classes or year groups to see who can raise the most.

## **YOU CAN TAKE YOUR SCHOOL'S FUNDRAISING A STEP FURTHER AND MAKE IT FUN!**

- \* Challenge your superstar students to wear the wackiest hat to keep them warm on their walk
- \* Add some tinsel to make it festive
- \* A simple dress-down day to raise funds can work too
- \* Host a bake sale on the same day, your walkers deserve a treat





# SCHOOL Resources and Lesson PLANS

Encourage your students to take part in Walk For Home and use the opportunity to open conversations about homelessness over the winter months.

We know homelessness can be a tricky subject to approach with young children. That's why Shelter has designed KS1 and KS2 resources and lesson plans to help them understand homelessness and it's impact. We want to inspire them to fight for change, raise funds and be part of our crucial work that helps millions of people across the country.

Chat through some of the resources in the morning and then head out for your walk in the afternoon so the children understand the difference they're making by participating.

**DOWNLOAD OUR RESOURCES AND LESSON PLANS HERE**



# How you are mAKing a difference



## £6

### **COULD FUND SOMEONE'S FIRST STEP TO A HOME**

£6 could enable someone to get in touch with Shelter's specialised legal team who can help them take their first steps in the fight for their home.

## £29

### **COULD GIVE SOMEONE IN TROUBLE A LIFELINE**

£29 could fund an emergency call to our helpline, giving someone or maybe even a family a fighting chance in the face of homelessness.

## £23

### **COULD HELP SOMEONE UNDERSTAND THEIR OPTIONS**

£23 could fund webchats with Shelter's advisers to empower someone to know their rights and fight for their home.

## £60

### **COULD PAY FOR A LEGAL SUPERHERO**

£60 could fund legal representation for someone facing homelessness in a court hearing, giving detailed advocacy and defending their rights.



# Thank you for stePPING up

The steps you're taking to end homelessness will go a long way.

If you need any help, please get in touch with us.

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