

Prince William hopes to end homelessness in UK

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The UK's Prince William has a new mission. He wants to end homelessness in his country. There are more than 300,000 people sleeping in doorways and on the streets across Britain. In London, the number of "rough sleepers" has increased

by 20 per cent in the past year. William will follow the example set by his mother, Diana, Princess of Wales. She took him to a homeless charity when he was a schoolboy. He said he would never forget the sadness he felt to see people without a home. William told reporters that: "In a modern and progressive society, everyone should have a safe and secure home." He added that people should, "be treated with dignity and given the support they need".

Prince William helped to start a charity called Homewards. Its aim is to end rough sleeping, sofa surfing and temporary housing. He hopes to be as successful as Finland, where being without a home is almost a thing of the past. Homewards has a five-year project that will focus on six areas of the UK, including one part of London. After the five years, William hopes to widen the project to the whole of the country. He said: "Through Homewards, I want to make this a reality and...give people across the UK hope that homelessness can be prevented when we [help each other]." He added: "It's a big task, but I firmly believe that by working together it is possible to make homelessness rare, brief, and unrepeatable."

Sources: [independent.co.uk](https://www.independent.co.uk) / [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com) / [people.com](https://www.people.com)

Writing

Governments should resign if there is homelessness in their country. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

prince / mission / homelessness / rough sleepers / charity / schoolboy / dignity / safe / sofa surfing / housing / successful / home / project / reality / task / working together

True / False

- 1) There are 300,000 homeless people in London. T / F
- 2) The number of homeless people in London rose by 20% in a year. T / F
- 3) Prince William went to see a homeless charity when he was at school. T / F
- 4) Prince William said everyone should buy their own home. T / F
- 5) Prince William wants to end rough surfing and sofa sleepers. T / F
- 6) There is almost no homelessness in Finland. T / F
- 7) Prince William's charity will focus on the whole of London first. T / F
- 8) Prince William believes homelessness will be a rare thing in the UK. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. mission | a. sorrow |
| 2. increased | b. uncommon |
| 3. sadness | c. set up |
| 4. support | d. gone up |
| 5. need | e. short-term |
| 6. start | f. require |
| 7. temporary | g. aim |
| 8. focus | h. stopped |
| 9. prevented | i. help |
| 10. rare | j. concentrate |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about Prince William?
- b) What do you think of homelessness?
- c) What do you think of the UK having so much homelessness?
- d) How can we help homelessness?
- e) What would it be like to be a rough sleeper?
- f) What's homelessness like in your country?
- g) What do you know about William's mother Princess Diana?
- h) How modern and progressive is your country?

Phrase Match

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| 1. The UK's Prince William has | a. by his mother |
| 2. the number of "rough sleepers" | b. whole of the country |
| 3. William will follow the example set | c. has increased |
| 4. In a modern and | d. be treated with dignity |
| 5. people should | e. surfing |
| 6. Its aim is to end rough | f. progressive society |
| 7. sofa | g. task |
| 8. being without a home is almost a | h. sleeping |
| 9. widen the project to the | i. a new mission |
| 10. It's a big | j. thing of the past |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- How do people become homeless?
- How can we stop homelessness?
- What would you do if you were homeless?
- What do you think of "sofa surfing"?
- Should billionaires build houses for the homeless?
- How do you feel when you see a homeless person?
- What questions would you like to ask Prince William?

Spelling

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- widen the rpjotce to the whole of the country
- homelessness can be vepnrtdee
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Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. d	3. a	4. i	5. f
6. c	7. e	8. j	9. h	10. b

Role Play

Role A – Homelessness

You think homelessness is the most important charitable cause. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their charities. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): animal protection, cancer research or disaster aid.

Role B – Animal Protection

You think animal protection is the most important charitable cause. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their charities. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): homelessness, cancer research or disaster aid.

Role C – Cancer Research

You think cancer research is the most important charitable cause. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their charities. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): animal protection, homelessness or disaster aid.

Role D – Disaster Aid

You think disaster aid is the most important charitable cause. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their charities. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): animal protection, cancer research or homelessness.

Speaking – Charities

Rank these with your partner. Put the best charities at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Homelessness | • Child protection |
| • Animal protection | • Mental health |
| • Disaster aid | • Veterans' care |
| • Cancer research | • Historical sites |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.