

## Assembly Resource

Read through the information and facts below. What do you think would be the hardest part of not having a home? Why do you think the government decided to house as many people as possible during lockdown? Do you think they should have continued to offer support when the hotels reopened?

### What are some of the reasons that people become homeless?

In 2019, there were over 28,000 people sleeping rough in the UK.

There are many possible reasons for this, perhaps they had a disagreement with people they lived with, they may have lost their job or weren't able to pay for their accommodation.



Homeless people with their belongings

It would be great if the government stepped up again like they did in March to continue to help the homeless over winter.

**Lucy Abraham, CEO of Glass Door Homeless Charity**

### What was the 'Everyone In' scheme?

At the start of lockdown in March, the government announced £3.2 million in emergency funding to support people living on the streets and to help prevent the spread of coronavirus in homeless communities.

The 'Everyone In' scheme housed almost 15,000 people, providing accommodation in hotels, hostels and B&Bs. In a matter of days, 90% of the people living on the streets were given a roof over their heads!

### What do homeless charities think should happen now?

Campaigners from homeless charities and other organisations have suggested using the many empty offices and shops as living space so people who have returned to the streets following the 'Everyone In' scheme will have somewhere to stay over the winter months.