

# UNDER THE ROOF OF THE SKY

A moving and authentic portrayal of homelessness  
through the eyes of those who lived it



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## Feedback

“Raw and heartfelt”

“I think it would be a film that everyone would benefit from seeing”

“A really valuable and thought-provoking piece. One that needs to get out into the wild”

“Wow! An amazing evening and a great discussion”

“I was inspired and humbled by those who had experienced homelessness and moved by the way they have pulled themselves together and are now living very productive lives. They need listening to and have given me hope and justification for some of the work I've done in my life.”

## Stand out points from the discussion

We live in a society where the gap between the rich and poor is ever increasing and we seem to accept that as normal

As a society we need to switch our empathy back on. This can be helped by remembering homelessness isn't something that only happens to other people or is a character flaw. It could affect any person and is an issue of social policy failure.

We also need to build empathy into our systems, to ensure they act as the safety net for people who are going through tough times.

Lived experience is really key in creating empathy between service deliverer and user, but class difference continues to be a barrier.

Availability of good quality housing and support through services and also the community is important but continues to be an issue. Affordability is a problem for many and it seems we are building the wrong type of housing in Manchester (not affordable) and not using all of our buildings to address the issue of homelessness.

Should we give money to people who are homeless? No right or wrong answer. Think about what you would want if you were in that position. But if you don't want to give directly, there are charities to donate to. Interestingly most of the panel said they have given money directly (including Anthony who had previously been homeless).

Politics is the answer but we have become apathetic as a society.

Differing views about the language we use around homelessness – does it matter?

Need to think about how we get the film out wider 🤝

Homelessness is not a lifestyle choice – people who have extremely

Man on tram – homeless people make a lot of money – based on TV and newspaper articles

<https://undertheroofofthesky.org.uk/>

## **AUDIENCE ACTIONS**

Find out people's names and use them

Share film in a targeted way to change perceptions

Be kinder to people struggling financially who contact my workplace

Make time!

Do some voluntary work with the homeless

Kill the rich

I would broadcast the film to anyone who will watch

I am now more aware of homelessness and will try to take action

Feeling more confident to speak to homeless people and be more understanding

Reach out to people who are homeless especially at Christmas. Actively look to help

Take time to listen

Take time to speak to and listen to rough sleepers

Find out where people are living and what they do for a living

Well everything about the film was so hard and frustrating for them

To not be afraid of homeless people

Woke me up and made me learn new things

I will keep working hard to challenge inequality

Go to work

I will smile more and never ignore people who are homeless

Work through your fear and anxiety and brighten up someone's day

I will be more vocal when I hear people describe homelessness as a choice

Promote more of what our services do

Person centred

Hold people accountable

Promote the film and suggest options for change or ask others what action they will take

Speak with homeless not about them. Being homeless but also about other topics have a positive chat we are all human

Deliver the message of empathy throughout my meetings

Use my 'rich' contacts to help open shelters

Film comms – who can help? Who can influence? How can this be used for the greater good?

Sit and eat with a person who is homeless

Time and dedication

Tell my 26 year old friends about it, and my 8 year old niece

Challenge our politicians! Grass root change is not enough!!

Made me reflect on what else I can do from the simplest of things – talking about the issues to people affected

Volunteer at a food bank

Speak directly to people I see on the street – I've sometimes felt that they wouldn't want me to talk to them

More consciously

Sometimes it is alright to close and open empathy. But people sometimes don't think. What if you become homeless?

We need to learn to shut our mouths and just bloody LISTEN

Never just walk by and teach my children the importance of why!

Stop passing by

Volunteer at a local hostel

Stop selling our council housing

Share the film, share the website, share the song

Being the voice of living experiences

Give people choice on how I can help

I'm going to talk to people outside my local Spar and find out who they are and what their hopes are

Vote

Ask people what they need and want