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# Planning for Action

Working individually or in groups, read the scenario below, create potential solutions and decide on the most plausible solution. You will then plan how to implement this solution.

**SCENARIO:** In Australia, approximately 0.5% of the population are experiencing homelessness. However, in your community the number is 5%. People in your community are experiencing homelessness in a number of different ways including sleeping rough, couch surfing and living in overcrowded households. This is having negative impacts on their physical and mental health.

## PART A – PROBLEM AND SOLUTION

### STEP 1 – DESCRIBING

Describe the issue in your own words:

### STEP 2 – DEVELOPING

Develop two possible solutions to the issue.

Solution 1:

Solution 2:

### STEP 3 – EVALUATING

Evaluate the positives of your two solutions.

Solution 1:

Solution 2:

Evaluate the feasibility of your two solutions using the table on the following page.

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POSSIBLE SOLUTION	ARE THERE ANY POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY?	HOW MUCH TIME WILL THIS TAKE?	HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST? WHAT RESOURCES WILL BE NEEDED?	WOULD THIS BE ABLE TO BE IMPLEMENTED AUSTRALIA WIDE?	WILL THIS MEASURE COMPLETELY SOLVE THE ISSUE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



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## STEP 4 – DECIDING AND EXPLAINING

Decide which solution you are going to use. Explain why you chose this solution.

## PART B – IMPLEMENTATION

### STEP 1 – DETERMINING AND ORGANISING

Determine what will be needed to implement your solution effectively.

What physical materials would be needed?

Who would need to be consulted before the plan is implemented?

Who would be responsible for implementing the plan?

Are there any non-profit organisations in your community that could provide assistance?

### STEP 2 – CREATING

Create a step-by-step plan for how the solution would be implemented.

Use a flow chart to show each step, making sure to include:

- What needs to be done at each step
- What materials/resources will be needed for this step
- Who is responsible for each step
- Timeline for each step

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## PART C – SUMMARISING AND REFLECTING

### STEP 1 – SUMMARISING

Summarise the solution/project in a paragraph. Key points:

- What is the project?
- Who will the project help and how will it help?
- What positive impact will this have on their lives?

### STEP 2 – REFLECTING

Responses to issues such as homelessness will often fall under one of two categories; social justice or charity. Charity is when people in need are identified and then are given direct help, such as money or food. Social justice is more focused on changing the structures or inequalities in society to stop people from experiencing disadvantage in the first place. Examples of social justice actions include writing letters to members of parliament or raising awareness about an issue.

Does the project fit into the category of charity or social justice? Justify your response.

Will the project help people out of homelessness in the long term? How? If not, is there any way the project could be modified so it does help people in the long term?