

Homelessness in Glasgow

Summary of project and achievements

Date

Ongoing

Location

City of Glasgow

Key Partners

Glasgow Homelessness Partnership.
Glasgow Homeless Network.
Glasgow City Council.
Greater Glasgow NHS Board.

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Links

<http://www.ghn.org.uk/>
www.hipinglasgow.com
<http://scotland.shelter.org.uk/home/index.cfm>
<http://www.crisis.org.uk/>
<http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/gghb/> see Reports,
Homelessness

Background

While vagrancy has been a feature of human societies since records began, Glasgow has a unique history that has led to particular problems with homelessness. The growth of the city's industries during the 19th Century brought a need for inexpensive temporary accommodation for itinerant working men. After the Second World War the decline in Glasgow's industrial fortunes – particularly the need for ships and heavy machinery – led to working men's hostels and lodging houses increasingly becoming longer-term repositories for men with no permanent homes of their own. Rising unemployment in the 1980s, coupled with the introduction of heroin to Glasgow, were associated with further increases in homelessness and particularly a shift to younger people with injecting drug habits.

Homelessness includes a variety of circumstances. Most homeless people are not literally sleeping rough but live in temporary, insecure, or unsuitable accommodation. Further information about developments can be found via the links below:

[The Homelessness Partnership](#)

[Needs assessment : The extent, nature, and causes of homelessness in Glasgow](#)

[Integrated Assessment](#)

[Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for NHS homelessness services](#)