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Homelessness in Auckland

Have you ever thought about the people who lived in the street when you walk down the road? It has been a serious and visible problem in New Zealand, if you go to Queen Street, you can see at least 10 homeless people. As we know, New Zealand is a welfare state and the main economy comes from taxes and exports, that is why New Zealanders believe in their country should not have homeless people. According to the website, the number of people sleeping in Auckland's city has increased from 68 in 2013 to 177 in 2016. <http://conversations.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/events/homelessness-auckland>. The gathering of homelessness is a kind of hidden trouble, which affects the appearance of the city. Most homeless people need government's help and support to become healthy or survive. My research is to describe how should NZ government help decrease the population of homeless people.

Homeless means that people who doesn't have options to live in a safe and secure house. They are living in uninhabitable, such as footpaths, car parks, empty buildings or streets. The people that sleeping or sitting on the street every day we call them homeless people. There are many complex reasons made people become homelessness. According to the website, many of them have different mental health issues (1). [https://www.newsroom.co.nz/2017/07/18/3-9152/what-to-do-about-aucklands-23400-homeless] That means no company would employ them, because their mind is totally different from others, so they will not have any income to pay the basic supplies or rent. Losing families by accidents may make people become negative and without any hope of life, they think everything doesn't make sense and cannot pay attention on working. Drugs and alcohol (2) make people addicted and become their slaves. [https://www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz/what-we-do/homeless-services/] Once they start, they will be out of control and have no chance to go back anymore, and nobody can stop them. Some them have financial issues (3) and it is obvious that money is the key of people become homeless. Generally speaking, business failed means people who owned a plenty of money and they have no ability to repay the debt. The consequence of that is they have to sell their houses or cars to fill in the hole of money, then they will have nothing and may become homelessness.

This research describes some suggestions for the government that they could decrease the population of homelessness. First of all, the government needs to ensure that they have sufficient accommodation or public housing stock so they need to buy land to build more houses and that close to city or school. The land which belongs to government is called crown land and they should build more accommodation by using these areas. Homeless people are fundamentally defined by lack of housing. Enough accommodation is an essential foundation to ending homelessness. Apparently, housing problem is always the biggest problem for homeless people. Based on housing first, one of the main reason which is the exploded on the landscape in the early 1980s and the people slashed their investment in affordable housing. [https://www.housingfirst.co.nz/homelessness] In sum, this is one of my suggestion for government to decrease the population of homelessness which is build enough houses for them.

In addition, my second suggestion for government to decreasing the population of homeless people is to develop a better education of school system, all the school should have career

centre. Most people did not pay attention on this part and it may lead **students in instability or recurrent**. According to the website, young teenagers **have occupied a big amount** of homeless people and one of the reason is they have no plan or goals about their future. [<http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2016/01/young-and-homeless-the-auckland-teens-living-in-the-bush.html>] Career centre is significant for students to help them plan their future, such as what subjects they should choose next year and which university they should go or furthermore what job they going to do in the future. Career centre should let students know the importance of completing high school and receiving higher education. That is to say career centre plays an important role in decreasing the population of homeless people, especially for controlling the young homelessness.

At the end, my last suggestion for government is to encourage local communities to look after their homeless people. Every municipality must take responsibility to take care of them in their communities intelligently and effectively. For example, **there are some churches around every community, homeless people can be given a simple work** or accommodation in there and this may help to solve their first main issue. Providing a job or place to live for homeless people is also an effective way to help them get out of homelessness.

In my conclusion, there are a lot of suggestions for government to decrease the population of homeless people. However, I think the easiest way which is the education at school, because students are at formative stage and they learn what they be taught. **Career centre has duty** for letting students know how essential the study is and helping them plan the future. By decreasing the population of homelessness, the government should control from the root which is a completed school system for teenagers. At the same time, everybody should **face to this social issue, at least we can buy them with a fast food when we passing**. It is also our duty to help our country become better.

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