

Lesson 1

Shelter Scotland: what we do

First and second level

SOCs: 1-20A, 2-16A, 2-20A

Learning Intention: To begin to understand the work of Shelter Scotland, and how charities can support communities.

Success Criteria:

- I can explain who Shelter Scotland help.
- I can list three places in Scotland that Shelter Scotland staff work from.
- I can give an example of a problem that Shelter Scotland can help people solve.

Teacher's Notes

Please note that the statistics in this lesson are correct as of October 2017.

If possible, open the lesson fact slides on a whiteboard in your classroom.

What we do:

- Shelter Scotland are a national charity helping people with bad housing and homelessness in Scotland.
- Shelter Scotland believe that everyone should have a safe, secure and affordable home.
- Shelter Scotland were formed in 1968.
- Shelter Scotland have a national free helpline for anyone in Scotland to call.
- Shelter Scotland campaign for better housing and homeless rights across Scotland by working with politicians.

Who and how we help

- We help over 800,000 people a year in Scotland.
- Shelter Scotland help people all across Scotland. We have offices in; Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Paisley, Blantyre and Dumfries.
- Our housing advisors answered over 17,000 calls in Scotland last year (2015/16).
- We help people with
 - Homelessness
 - Money and benefits advice
 - Renting problems
 - Bad landlords
 - Repairs and damp

Higher or lower game

- The aim of this game is to get the class to think about numbers, in relation to Scotland's size.
- Work through the higher or lower game with the class as a group activity – ask them to make a note of any interesting facts for later.

Activity

Ask pupils to pair up to produce a leaflet on the facts they have learnt today about Shelter Scotland, and what we do.

Closing discussion

Start a class discussion on what the reasons might be for a person becoming homeless. This will prepare the class for lesson 2 – “What is homelessness?”