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Thursday 10 th November 2016	6(i)

Homelessness Presentation delivered to Kettering Buccleuch Academy

This report provides an introduction to the presentation on Homelessness that our Housing Solutions team delivered last month to over 1000 students aged 11-16 years at a local secondary school.

INTRODUCTION

Two officers from our Housing Solutions team visited Kettering Buccleuch Academy (KBA) on 10th October 2016 to deliver a session on Homelessness to young people aged 11-16 years as part of the school's Global Learning Sessions. These sessions aim to educate young people on wider social issues. We thought it would be positive for the Tenant's Forum to experience the type of information we are sharing with young people in our community therefore the same interactive presentation will be delivered. The session explores what homelessness is and the reasons for it, whilst also seeking to dispel some common myths around homelessness through an interactive true / false game.

REPORT

You will get the benefit of experiencing the full presentation which led to the following feedback from staff at KBA:

"The interactive Homelessness Sessions delivered by Kettering Borough Council were excellent. The students left the sessions saying it had opened their eyes particularly from a social awareness point of view. Talking around the reasons for homelessness and how easy it is to become homeless made them think and talk about money and the dangers of debt. It taught them so much about the world and community they're part of which are things that they don't learn about in a Maths or English lesson for example. It made them think about working hard at school and getting a good career to pay for the lifestyle that they want."

- John Townell, Assistant Principal, Kettering Buccleuch Academy.



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Huge thanks to Lucy & Russell from [@KetteringBC](#) who came & did interactive presentations [@KBucclleuchA](#) today about [#homelessness](#).



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4 RETWEETS 6 LIKES.

NEXT STEPS

Early intervention and the prevention of homelessness through education meet the priorities of our Housing and Homelessness Strategies, and also a current priority of the Kettering Futures Partnership which is to improve engagement with schools. The team plans to build on this work and explore how similar educative sessions may benefit other groups. A session is already planned for sixth formers in February 2017.

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