

Homelessness Abolitionist Ten-Point Program

This document is inspired by the Black Panther Parties Ten-Point Program.

- 1. We want free, safe, high-quality housing for all people. We want land to be owned by the people and for the people to be able to build shelter on it.**

We believe that temporary accommodation is a plaster used to avoid the real issue. The real issue is that the politicians that run our governments and the CEOs & oligarchs that rule the global monetary system are rich from land and property. We know they aren't interested in sharing their wealth with the people and nothing will change until there is an end to the class-based global capitalist system and land is owned by the people.

- 2. We want decent economic conditions for all people.**

We believe it's a lie that "everyone can make it to the top if they work hard enough." Some people are born into poverty and it's like winning the fucking lottery if you are able to get out of it. The economy should give people the basic things they need to survive. It is because this doesn't happen that people die on the streets, in temporary accommodation or in unsafe housing. We believe in a global monetary system that provides basic income to everyone. We want basic needs met and high wages for all rather than the lie being spread that some work is more "low-skilled" and should be paid less!

- 3. We no longer want poor people, poor migrants and displaced people who have experienced homelessness to be isolated by society.**

We believe that alienation is killing people. Poor people are being scapegoated by their communities because rich people in powerful positions need to blame someone in order to justify hoarding wealth. Poor people are labelled 'anti-social' and migrants are accused of 'stealing jobs and housing'. Really it's the global capitalist system that makes people poor, creates war and climate disaster that forces people to flee their homes. No longer should we dehumanise people that are struggling.

4. We want drugs legalised and an end to profiting off of the drug trade. We want safe spaces for drug use, free access to rehab and easy access to scripts - NOW!

We believe that people in power profit off of the drug trade; both through the pharmaceutical industry and through criminalising drugs sold on the street. The pharmaceutical industry makes \$1.4 trillion profit a year and the prison industry, which locks up poor people who use street drugs, makes \$629 billion a year. In reality the power structure isn't interested in stopping "illegal drug trade" because they benefit from how it keeps poor people "in their lane". People die from addiction to pharmaceuticals and street drugs. The drug trade is violent and it is killing people. We need to make profiting from the drug trade illegal. We believe we should legalise drugs so less people end up in prison and we should support people materially and financially while they recover.

5. We think the building of prisons is an industry to make money off of poor people. We want an end to the class war on poor people.

We believe that poor and working class people get more of their needs met in prison than they do in society and that it's an absolute fucking disgrace. People shouldn't feel safer and more cared for in prison than they do in their communities. Society should give people what they need to survive and stop building prisons and profiting off of prison catalogues and the prison industry. Local and national infrastructure should support people to heal, work, study, find faith and have stability instead of locking them up and profiting off of it.

6. We want an end to the criminalisation of poor people for trying to survive.

We believe that the class system is the capitalist system and that it restricts the choice of working class people. Poor people from the UK and from across the world can't access food, housing, education, high quality care or work. Poor people struggle to survive and are forced into criminalised work or petty crimes. People who live this struggle everyday have to move around to stay safe, hustle and survive; they have no other option. Being criminalised for this is violent and makes it even harder to get out of the cycle of homelessness.

7. We want all people to be able to move freely and roam.

We believe that people who move around are criminalised because they threaten the power structures idea that we must all stay rooted, work hard and buy our houses to be valuable to society. Gypsy and indigenous communities are misunderstood; their traditional nomadic lifestyles are stable when they aren't criminalised. Migrant communities move because their countries are warzones, their countries being destroyed by natural disasters or because poverty is killing people in their communities; they want safety. Governments should stop criminalising people for moving and end border restrictions. Instead we should create infrastructure that supports the movement of people.

8. We want the media to stop being owned by billionaires who spread misinformation and lies.

We believe that the media is controlled by billionaires, CEOs and dictators. The media stereotypes working class people and tells the public that they are criminals. It spreads messages that divide oppressed communities in order to pit us against each other so that we don't fight back against global capitalist violence.

9. We want complete revolutionary change of the legal, economic and political systems.

We believe that the legal, economic and political systems are no longer working. They are rooted in classism and racism. They tell us that we should keep "developing" and "making profit" but in reality the economy keeps crashing and political parties keep becoming corrupt. We need global and national systems that support local, people-led decision making. This is real democracy, not the sham democracy that western countries use to control countries in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. A real democracy is where people decide how their community organises itself and global infrastructure gives them the resources to do so.

10. We want all people to have access to work, shelter, income, healthcare, transport, leisure centers, libraries and nature.

We believe that people are human; they have good and bad parts and do better with love and support. People are valuable and capable of living together across differences without annihilating each other. We believe this is more possible when you give people easy access to the things they need without making them work bullshit jobs for little to no money. We believe if this was what our economic, political and legal systems did, fewer people would die of homelessness and displacement. Less people would die

because of war. Less people would die because of climate disaster and less animals, trees and plants would die because of being exploited by the corporate industries that just want to make more and more profit out of them. Yes... we would still struggle and yes, people would still die, but we'd have at least half a chance of being at least a little bit happy and free while we're alive!!!