

HELLO, FRIEND

HOW TO CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS WHO ARE HOMELESS

WHAT CAN I DO IN THE MOMENT?

Be nice, say hello, acknowledge that they are there and may have spoken to you



Ask someone what they need

Give money, food, drinks to someone you see outside



Have a conversation with someone if they are interested, leave them alone if they aren't interested

For people living in tents, respect their privacy and space - that is their home



Acknowledge to yourself any feelings of discomfort you might have

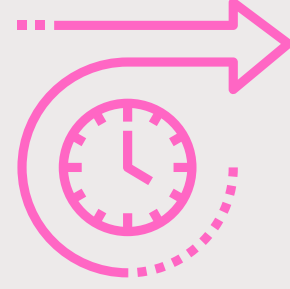
WHAT CAN I DO LATER?

Find local service providers in your community and learn about what they do and how you can help



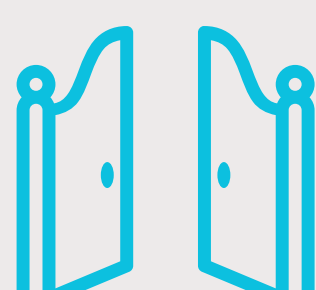
Find and follow local service providers and mutual aid communities on social media to be able to respond when they put a call out for support

Educate yourself on homelessness in your community and issues related to homelessness (i.e. poverty, housing affordability, vacancy rate, mental illness, substance use, trauma)



Think about what skills, time, and assets you have that you can provide consistently to support people who are homeless (i.e. weekly food prep, hair cutting, driving/delivery, etc.)

If you don't have the capacity to get involved directly, that's ok. Simply don't get in the way of other people doing that work



WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE CHANGE?

Have conversations with friends, families, and neighbours to help people understand the root causes of homelessness



Connect with groups doing this work to participate in advocacy and activism in your community (this can be loud or quiet - it all helps)

Quiet? Write letters to local government in support of policies or programs that will respond to homelessness in a practical, solution-focused way



Loud? Attend a protest or solidarity walk