

SCHOOLS



Together we can end homelessness

Will your school help?

Simon Community NI is Northern Ireland's leading homeless charity – helping almost 3000 people every year from all walks of life including families, children and young people.

For people experiencing homelessness, the issue is more than just not having a home and can be a result of different factors such as money problems, family breakdowns and health issues. In Northern Ireland, statutory homelessness has risen by 32% in the last five years meaning our services are needed now more than ever.

Simon Community NI work to help people

overcome their experiences and break the cycle of homelessness and we couldn't do this without the generosity of people who share in our vision of a society where everyone has a home.

Schools play a key part in our work by partnering with us to help educate the next generation on homelessness, the work of Simon Community NI and the impact fundraising can make to the lives of people who are homeless.

Choosing us as a Charity of the Year is a fun and easy partnership – just sign up to one, or more, of our fun events or hold your own and we'll help you along the way!

SOCKS

FOR SIMON

PUT A TWIST ON YOUR SCHOOL'S USUAL NON-UNIFORM DAY AND ROCK YOUR SOCKS FOR SIMON!

A fun and easy to plan activity, Socks for Simon can be held at any time throughout the term and asks pupils and teachers to pop on bright, odd or themed socks and make a donation for homelessness.

Sign up and receive your FREE fundraising pack which includes a free pencil for each pupil & fun activities.



STYLE IT

FOR SIMON

FUNKY, COLOURFUL OR WIG-TASTICALLY WEIRD, LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD AS PUPILS STYLE THEIR HAIR IN CRAZY WAYS FOR A DAY.

Why not theme this around a holiday – scary hair at Halloween, green bows for St Patrick's Day or wacky colours for end of term!

Contact us to sign up and we can help support your Style It for Simon day.



SWEATERS

FOR SIMON

Christmas is a time for family, warm beds and cosy nights by the fire.

Your school can help those facing homelessness by holding a Christmas Jumper Day for Simon Community NI. Simply grab your most festive jumper, Santa hat or reindeer antlers and make a donation to help end homelessness.

Sign up and receive your FREE fundraising pack, which includes a certificate for best dressed pupil and teacher!



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FOR SIMON

This Christmas, make a real difference to those facing homelessness here in NI.

Why not hold a collection at your Christmas Carol Service, Nativity Play or Christmas Concert for Simon Community NI. This is an easy way to help bring joy to those less fortunate at Christmas.

Contact our team so we can provide any materials you may need to show that you're supporting Simon Community NI.

We can also help you to fundraise for Simon by organising your own event. Why not use the list below to help inspire your event ideas:

- **Sleep Over or Sleep Out for Simon**
Use your school assembly hall as a sleep over venue for older pupils. This can be a donation or sponsored event or used as part of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.
- **Shimmy For Simon**
Does your school have an annual disco event? Then why not make it for Simon. A donation on the door could make all the difference to someone who is homeless.
- **Steps for Simon**
Hold a sponsored walk around your local park, school grounds or playing fields to support our mission to end homelessness.
- **Schools Got Talent**
Let your head teacher channel their inner Simon Cowell by hosting a talent show to raise funds for Simon Community NI. Pupils and teachers can show off their skills from keepy uppies, dance moves or a magician who can make the Principal disappear!

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To learn more or sign up for any of the above events please contact our School Engagement Team.

E: fundraise@simoncommunity.org
T: 028 9023 2882
Or visit simoncommunity.org

Check out our fundraising photos and news on Facebook and Twitter

 @SimonCommNI  @SimonCommunity

Charity Number – NIC 102724

In return for supporting Simon Community NI you will receive:

- A Fundraising Pack for Charity of the Year partnerships and participation in Sweaters for Simon and Socks for Simon.
- An educational talk before or after your fundraising from Simon Community NI's dedicated Schools Fundraiser.
- A Certificate of Appreciation.
- A 'Simon Bear' mascot to remember how your school is helping to end homelessness in NI (Primary Schools only).
- Resources to help your fundraising – balloons, buckets, pencils, sponsor forms, donation envelopes and information leaflets.

"Thank you for the talk you gave to our children. The presentation was very informative and the children were engaged, asking lots of interesting questions. We can't wait to raise funds for Simon Community NI!"

Janet Sandikli, Belmont Primary School

