

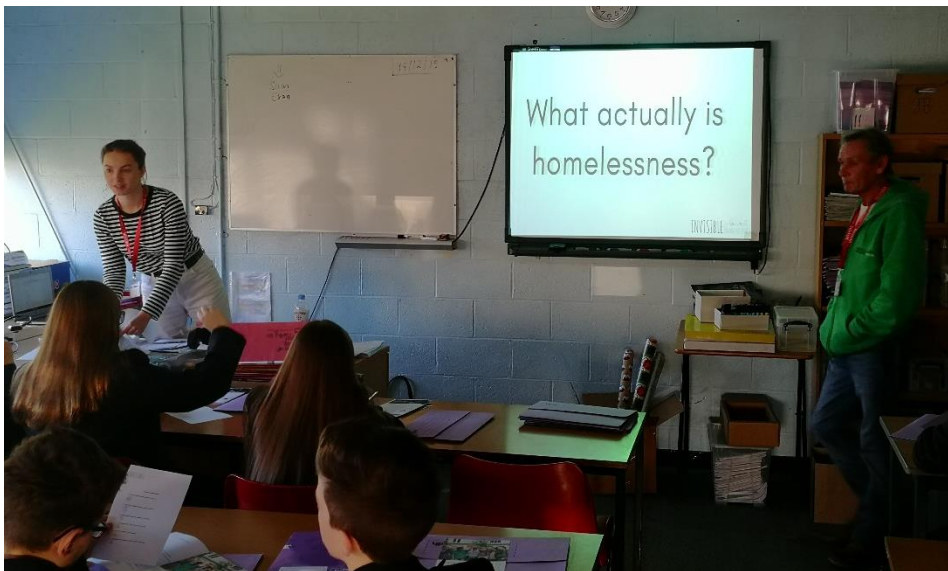


## “Invisible Cities Manchester” social enterprise visits Longendale High School

On Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of December Alice and Danny from the Social Enterprise “Invisible Manchester” visited a group of Year 8 learners at Longendale. These learners have been studying the topic of Homelessness in Project-Based Learning. Danny explained to the learners how he became homeless when he left the army with post-traumatic stress and a dark cycle started that eventually made him homeless. Danny said that he lived

on the streets for more than four years and experienced physical abuse. He also shared that he used to walk more than 14 miles per day when he was homeless.

Thereafter, learners completed a myth buster challenging common stereotypes such as “Being homeless means living on the street”. Alice explained that being homeless also includes living in transitional accommodation or night shelters and hostels. She reported rising numbers of homeless teenagers in Greater Manchester in the last months and said that there is an urgent need to support them.



Afterwards, learners listened attentively to some of Danny's poetry that he has published recently. This sparked a round of spontaneous applause from learners who were

mesmerised by Danny's excellent pieces of literature.

Alice and Danny work in a social enterprise that trains people who have experienced homelessness to become city guides of Manchester and other cities in the UK. So far, more than 1000 successful tours have been conducted, educating visitors about the city and providing employment for Mancunians.

Learners are now looking forward to support “Invisible Manchester” with a 24hr Shoe Challenge charity event.