

Crisis' campaign to End Homelessness in Scotland by 2040: Vote to end homelessness



The Scottish elections in May represent a critical moment for ending homelessness in Scotland. We need your help to ensure every political party commits to ending all forms of homelessness in Scotland by 2040 and enshrine this in law.

Scotland has strong rights in place for people experiencing homelessness. But more people are being forced from their homes every week. There are record numbers of people sleeping on our streets, and growing numbers trapped in temporary accommodation. The number of people experiencing different forms of homelessness is at an all-time high.

The upcoming election in May 2026 is our chance to change this. Scotland can end all forms of homelessness by 2040 – we just need a **bold commitment and the political will to act**. By doing this, we can create a country where everyone has a safe and stable home. A society that's thriving because we can all take better care of our health, relationships and work. Together, we can end homelessness for good.

Why do we need political parties to commit to ending all forms of homelessness by 2040?

Politicians across the political spectrum often talk of the trauma and indignity of homelessness, and regularly stand up in Holyrood to describe constituent's experiences of being without a settled home to call their own. However, homelessness levels are rising across the country. Talking is not enough. We need a bold, long-term commitment to end homelessness in Scotland once and for all. In doing so, the next government can be held to account for building a Scotland where everyone has a safe secure place to call home.

Why 2040?

Scotland has a plan to deliver enough housing for everyone by 2040. This is a great step forward, but it will not in itself end homelessness. With commitments to **end all forms of homelessness by 2040** across every political party, the incoming government will have to bring together house building plans with making sure people get the help they need, when they need it. This way we can create a Scotland with a future free from homelessness.

Why enshrined in law?

A **commitment to end homelessness by 2040** is not enough on its own. We need this to be **in law** so it stands the test of time. This means the next government, and future governments, will be held to account to achieve this goal.

What about the housing emergency?

Focusing on the housing emergency alone will not end homelessness. The numbers of people sleeping on our streets, on friend's sofas, or hidden away in precarious accommodation with little to no access to support will continue to rise across Scotland. By focusing solely on the housing emergency, the new government will be in a constant state of firefighting and crucially miss the opportunity to prevent homelessness from arising in the first place.

What needs to happen?

Ending homelessness in Scotland is dependent on **political will**. At the Scottish Parliament elections, your vote will decide who will form the next Scottish Government. We need your help to make sure all political parties standing in the election commit to end homelessness by 2040 and to put this into law. You can ask candidates standing in your area if they, and their party, will meet this commitment. The next Scottish Government has the chance to end homelessness in Scotland. Your vote can make that happen.