



MEDIA ALERT – immediate release

Newtown sleeps out to raise fund for homelessness

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With so much focus on affordable housing at the moment, the average person may have noticed more people sleeping rough and wondered what they can do to help.

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre is making it easy for the Sydney residents to lend a hand with the launch of Newtopian Dream.

NEWTOPIAN DREAM

This winter, up to 60 Newtownians will spend a night on the streets to raise money and awareness for those who aren't there by choice.

Inaugural sleep out event "Newtopian Dream" is being held on Tuesday, 29th August by Newtown Neighbourhood Centre (NNC) to raise at least \$60,000.

Participants will experience a night of sleeping under the stars in Newtown Square with nothing more than a sheet of cardboard and a sleeping bag between them and the elements.

The community can sponsor "Dreamers" who will be aiming to raise at least \$1,000 each in return for making it through the night.

Funds raised will help NNC provide frontline assistance to the growing number of vulnerable people in the Inner West who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

"We believe nobody should have to sleep on the streets if they don't want to and so we have a dedicated service for those who are at risk of homelessness," says Liz Yeo, CEO of NNC. "Keeping people in safe and affordable shelter is not just better for the individual, but for the community as a whole."

"We want to congratulate the people who have already signed up to sleep out at Newtopian Dream and encourage the community to show their support by registering to sleep out or sponsoring somebody who is," says Yeo.

To sponsor somebody or for more information visit www.newtopiandream.org

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre exists to create a more inclusive, resilient, vibrant and self-reliant community. We are a not-for-profit incorporated association serving Sydney's inner western suburbs. The Centre works closely with boarding house residents through its Boarding House Outreach Service, and offers forums for boarding house owners twice yearly.

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