

## Stereotypes and judgements 9/10: Activity 1 Answers

What is a judgement, what is a stereotype and what is stigma?

Think about / discuss – What is a judgement? Can you give an example?

Judgements are opinions we form about people, often based on limited information.

Think about / discuss – What is a stereotype? Can you think of any examples?

- Stereotypes are oversimplified and often incorrect beliefs about a group of people.
- Stereotypes can shape how we interact with and treat others, sometimes leading to unfair assumptions.

What is stigmatisation? Why do you think stigma exists in society, and how does it affect young people who are experiencing homelessness or financial hardship?

- Stigmatisation / Stigma is when someone is unfairly judged, labelled, or treated differently because of a personal characteristic or life situation, like being homeless, having a disability, or needing financial support.
- It often comes from stereotypes or misunderstandings, and can lead to people feeling ashamed, excluded, or not getting the help they need.

Discuss stereotypes about people experiencing homelessness that you may have heard.

Some examples of Stereotypes might be:

- People experiencing homelessness should just move somewhere cheaper.
- People who are homeless are all older men.
- If you give money to a homeless person, they will just waste it.
- People who are homeless should just get help from shelters and services.
- Homelessness only happens to people with addictions or mental health issues.
- If someone is sleeping rough, they must not want help.