Getting by: begging, rough sleeping and The Big Issue in Glasgow and Edinburgh

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Abstract

Despite the growing concern in recent years about begging in British cities, there is a paucity of contemporary empirical evidence on the experiences and causes of begging, and on the characteristics of those people who beg. Getting by explores the links between begging and rough sleeping in Glasgow and Edinburgh, and assesses the impact of the emergence of The Big Issue street magazine on this relationship. The report looks at why people beg; how people experience begging; in what circumstances people would stop begging; whether begging is closely associated with rough sleeping and/or other forms of homelessness; whether The Big Issue provides its vendors with a real alternative to begging. Getting by argues that the multiple problems experienced by those living on the streets need to be recognised and advocates an holistic approach to the provision of services. The report highlights the importance of policies aimed at preventing the need for people to resort to begging. It provides a range of recommendations on appropriate services including social work, health, housing and drugs and alcohol; and on government policies on social exclusion, employment and the benefits system, the police and the criminal justice system. This qualitative study is based on interviews with rough sleepers, Big Issue vendors, people who beg and agency workers in Glasgow and Edinburgh. It is essential reading for policy makers and practitioners in local authorities and voluntary organisations working in the field of homelessness, as well as anyone with an interest in begging, and rough sleeping. The report also has broader implications for a range of service working with people at the sharpest end of social exclusion.

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How to get from Edinburgh to Glasgow by train, bus, rideshare, taxi or car. Find Transport to Glasgow. Travel From. Rachel talks about and compares the Scottish cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh. Rachel: Yeah, the West Coast of Scotland gets more rain that the east coast, so it's Glasgow that gets more rain than Edinburgh but Edinburgh has this very bitter cold wind, and it's really chilly. Matt: All year round or just in the winter? Rachel: No, pretty much all year round. Yeah. Matt: Interesting. Tell me about Glasgow. What kind of city is it? Rachel: Glasgow? But yeah, when I was a kid, I mean it was famous for being a very rough town and lots of unemployment. Lots of social problems, and then it just went through a kind of renaissance and got lots of money from the European Union and then the town just totally transformed. When I go back it's so different. Matt: How is it different? This edition published in 2000 by Joseph Rowntree Foundation in [York]. Written in English. This edition doesn't have a description yet. Can you add one? Edinburgh, Glasgow, Scotland. Edit. The links between begging, rough sleeping and the Big Issue in Glasgow and Edinburgh. This edition published in 2000 by Joseph Rowntree Foundation in [York].