

**This is a silent creative piece by the Irish network**

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- Officials are writing a new report to address homelessness.
- They agree that they should consult people experiencing homelessness and go to interview them.
- The homeless person is happy to be consulted and give their views
- The officials write the report and include the input from homeless people

**2**

- The new report is completed and is being launched
- The homeless people who were involved in the consultation are invited to the launch and are very happy with the report which is called 'Promises'.
- The report is launched with great media attention

**3**

- After the report is launched the homeless person goes back glad that there are 'Promises' to do something to improve their situation.
- The 'Promises' are put in a box with other 'Promises' and in time these 'Promises' are put on a shelf.
- After some time the 'Promises' are forgotten and gather dust. They are put in a rubbish bin
- The homeless person comes across the bin and is very disappointed to realise that this is where the 'Promises' have ended up.
- He takes the 'Promises' and while asking himself 'Is this it for me for my life'. However, he realises that he can at least get some use out of the 'Promises' for one night.

### **Scene 1 - Consultation**

The homeless person is on the stage but to one side – maybe a sleeping bag and cup?

Two other delegates are officials in discussion and seen to be writing a document. (Maybe there could be a title on the document. Something like Consultation or report on Homelessness or 'Big Report' as Peter suggested).

They seem to agree to consult with the homeless person and one of them goes out with something like a clip board and spends a bit of time talking to the person and filling in the paper. The researcher and homeless person shake their hands. The homeless person looks pleased to have been consulted. The researcher goes back to the other person and they continue to write the report pointing to the questionnaire or paper filled in with the homeless person.

### **Scene 2 – Launch of Report 'Promises'**

It is now time to launch the Report. The two officials/researchers are getting themselves dressed up a bit (brushing, combing hair etc?). One goes out and invites in the homelessness person to launch the Report.

A box with Promises is carried in and a large document is taken out with 'Promises' on it (need to make this very photogenic). This is passed around and admired. One of the officials will then begin to take photographs of the other official and the homeless person with various poses, making the report central etc.

At the end of this scene the homeless person is thanked and returns to their earlier location and position.

### **Scene 3 – Broken Promises**

After the Homeless person goes back to their place the two officials take an admiring look at the 'Promises' report, then put it back in the 'Promises' box and it is put on a shelf (not sure how we represent a shelf). Both officials move slightly to one side and duck down. One then puts on something to look like a cleaner who comes back in with a duster and acts as if the box is covered in dust (sneezes?) then takes it off the shelf and puts the box outside in the bin.

The client/homeless person finds the box in the bin and realises that nothing is going to change and that all the 'Promises' have been 'binned'. He finally uses the 'box' to make him more comfortable.