

Home Time.

Fix housing for young people

Social media guide - 'Me at 16' on Thursday 19 September

Home Time will hold a national social media day of action on Thursday 19 September to highlight the number of unaccompanied children and young people aged 16-24 with nowhere to live and locked out of our housing system.

We are asking you to post a photo of yourself around the age of 16 with a message about the importance of having a safe home, along with a call to action to make youth housing a national priority for federal, state and territory governments.

Your post can reflect your own experiences, even if they were challenging. We know these years can be incredibly difficult and many of you will have your own experiences of trauma, hardship and homelessness. The goal is to share a diverse range of voices around why home matters. Post what you feel comfortable with.

What you need to do

1. **Find a photo of yourself around the age of 16** (You can use a de-identified or alternative photo such as a place you felt safe or images of hobbies you enjoyed. If you don't want to share a photo, you can use [this image](#))
2. **Add a short personal message talking about what 'home' or 'home time' meant for you at that age** (Reflect your own experiences and/or share your thoughts)
3. **Finish your post with this message (or a variation)** to link back to the campaign action:

Send a message now to fix housing for young people at www.hometime.org.au/action #HomeTime

4. **Share on via your social media:** Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter/X or wherever you like to post

There are some **examples on the next page.**



Help build support and empathy for young people experiencing homelessness and encourage more people to contact their Federal MPs via the campaign website hometime.org.au/action

Contacts and questions

If you have any questions or need help with your post contact Daniel at supporters@hometime.org.au or on 0402 596 297.

Post examples - Me at 16



When I was 16, I loved playing video games and hanging out with my friends. I never had to worry about where I would sleep each night.

No young person should face fear and danger at the end of the day. Send a message now to fix housing for young people. #HomeTime #MeAt16
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My childhood had its challenges, but I always had a warm bed to sleep in and enough to eat. I was able to go to school and think about my future and what I wanted my life to be.

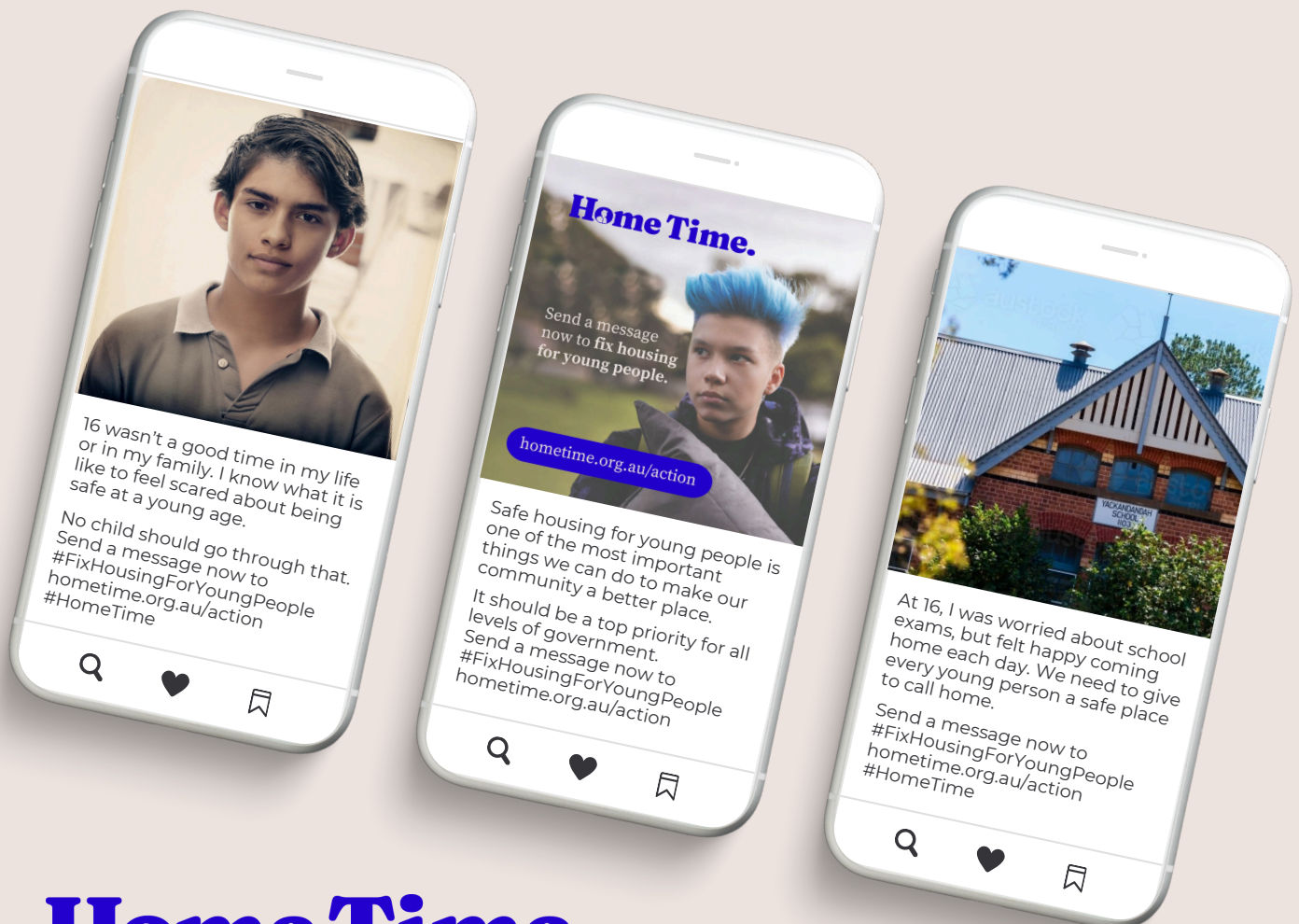
All kids should have these things. Send a message now to #FixHousingForYoungPeople. #HomeTime #MeAt16
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At 16, I was worried about school exams and saving up for the latest album. I felt happy coming home each day. We need to give every young person a safe place to call home.

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I believe that safe housing for all young people is one of the most important things we can do to make our community a better place.

It should be a top priority for all levels of government. Send a message now to #FixHousingForYoungPeople. #HomeTime #MeAt16
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