



Shelter City Worksheet

This worksheet is inspired by the work of the [Shelter City in The Hague](#).

In 2012, [Justice & Peace Netherlands](#), initiated the first Shelter City. Right now, there are 21 Shelter Cities in the Netherlands, Georgia, Tanzania, Benin, Costa Rica, Nepal, and the United Kingdom. Shelter City has grown to become a global movement that offers safe and inspiring spaces to human rights defenders at risk where they can re-energize, receive tailor made support and engage with allies in order to reinforce their local actions for change.

The worksheet consists of 15 questions for discussion designed to test your knowledge and inspire your creative thinking about the work of social shelters and in particular Shelter City.

Instructions:

1. Read the questions and discuss them with your team mates, take notes.
2. Go through [How to set up a Shelter City manual](#) to get inspired:
3. Check your answers.
4. Summarise what you have learned.
5. Feel free to use your knowledge and make a presentation about the work of Shelter City and present it in front of your class. Make your impact!

For additional information, you can also look at:

- [Workbook on security: practical steps for human rights defenders at risk](#)
- [Toolbox for Shelter City Support Staff](#)
- [Shelter-City-Impact-Study](#)
- [Shelter and settlement guidelines](#)



1. What is a shelter?

2. Why are shelters important?

3. List the type of shelters you know.

4. What is a shelter assistant / shelter worker / residential counsellor?

5. What does Shelter City do? What is its purpose?

6. Who sets shelters for Human Rights Defenders (Shelter City)?



7. Why does Shelter City support human rights defenders at risk?

9. What is the selection procedure?

10. How long can HRD stay in a Shelter City?

11. List the important features of a shelter.

12. What kind of support do they provide?

13. Who is involved in the relocation of HRDs?

14. What if a human rights defender cannot go back to his/her place of origin?