



Budding economists to sleep rough

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More than 40 students from the London School of Economics (LSE) will sleep rough on the streets for a homeless charity.

The students will endure eight hours on the street as part of a campaign run by the Student Union's Islamic Society.

The aim is to raise awareness for the issue of homelessness along with funds for East London homeless charity Anchor House.

Kawsar Zaman, 21, a final year LSE law student and one of the key organisers behind the campaign said the 'Sleep Out' is a campaign devised collectively to bring the issue of homelessness right to the forefront of the student and academic community at the LSE.

"When we think of homelessness our imaginations often take us to the streets of Africa or Asia. But homelessness is a sad reality in the UK as much as any other part of the world which is all too conveniently brushed under the carpet," Mr Zaman said.

"We have long term homeless, but also people who are increasingly struggling to make ends meet because of the economic downturn. Many families are facing repossession of their homes."

Mr Zaman said the students were inspired to take action after attending Anchor House's Appeal Launch last month with Dr Muhammad Abdul Bari, Chairman of the East London Mosque and patron of the charity.

"We found that Anchor House not only gives people a roof over their heads but empowers them with new skills and rehabilitation to take back their lives," he said.

"They don't just talk – they act. So we are appealing to all – to dig deep and support Anchor House."

All money raised will go towards Anchor House's £9.3 million Home and Hope Appeal to redevelop and improve the services of its nationally acclaimed residential-life skills centre in Canning Town, [www.anchorhouseuk.org](#).



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