

CARDBOARD HOUSE BUILDING COMPETITION



WHAT:

A competition tied into the school curriculum, for students to design and build a house using only cardboard and tape. Send us a photo of your house to enter! Win a great prize for your school.

WHEN:

19th – 23rd November 2012. Photographs of your completed cardboard house must be submitted by Friday 24th November.

WHO:

Form a team to represent your school.

WHY:

Apart from being a great challenge, building a cardboard house could help raise awareness about the cold, damp, draughty housing that exists in NZ. Some rentals are making kids sick and slowing their education – it's like living in cardboard. The competition will be used to support high school student Jazmine Heka's call for a 'Warrant of Fitness' on rental houses.

Five year old Sam lives in a draughty, old rental home in Dunedin. The cold, damp house found its way into Sam's lungs and took a heavy toll on the whole family. Sam's mum heats the lounge with a small heater, but it hasn't been able to keep his chronic bronchitis at bay. It isn't just the doctor's bills Sam's mum can't afford, it's the time off work. A warm, insulated house would have made all the difference and stopped Sam missing so much school this winter.

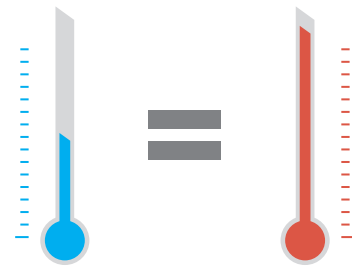
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Jazmine Heka is a high-school student from Whangarei Girls High. She started her petition in 2011 in response to a NZ documentary called Inside Child Poverty. Not only is a cardboard house competition a great challenge, it could raise awareness for a genuine New Zealand problem and show that even at high school you can make a difference. Every year the 40 hour famine helps raise our awareness about poverty overseas. This year, Jazmine Heka, and the cardboard house competition will remind us of kiwi's struggling at home. Build a cardboard house to join in the call... and win a data projector for your school.

Turn the week into a Learning Opportunity
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RENTAL HOUSING IN NEW ZEALAND: REALLY SUCH A BIG PROBLEM?



WHAT'S THE STATE OF RENTAL HOUSING IN NEW ZEALAND?

A huge number of New Zealand rental houses are cold, damp and difficult to heat. In 2008, nearly half of homes were mouldy. Poor housing contributes to respiratory infections, asthma, skin diseases and depression. Poorer families bear the brunt of these problems, and they are easily fixable! Numerous studies have shown that even just insulating houses significantly improves the health and school attendance of New Zealand kids.

CHECK OUT THESE FACTS:

- 1 million New Zealand homes are cold, damp and difficult to heat.
- About 375,000 New Zealand homes have inadequate ceiling insulation. Over one million have inadequate underfloor insulation.
- 15 percent of New Zealanders say their home is cold or uncomfortable.
- 50 New Zealanders are admitted to hospital per day because of illnesses made worse by unhealthy homes.
- Often it is the homes of the poorest that are the worst insulated and therefore the most expensive to heat.

WHAT'S BEING DONE ABOUT IT?

In the past few decades there have been some positive changes. Since 1979 all newly built houses must be insulated. That's great for new buildings, but nearly two thirds of New Zealand's houses were built well before this date. To encourage landlords to improve these old properties, the Government has provided subsidies. For instance, landlords can use EECA's Warm Up New Zealand subsidy to save money when they insulate their properties.

However, while a helpful start, these subsidies are optional. Many landlords don't take them up! By one estimate, only 100,000 of the 900,000 homes estimated to have had substandard insulation have been upgraded so far.

FUEL POVERTY

Fuel Poverty Is often defined as needing to spend more than 10% of a household income to heat a home to a livable standard. Those on the lowest income in NZ are paying 13% on average, and still living in under heated homes.

375,000 New Zealand kids live in cold damp, rental houses which make them sick!

Subsidies are a good start, but not all landlords take them up.

Despite numerous subsidies, an estimated 800,000 cold homes have yet to be upgraded.

RULES, REGULATIONS AND FINE PRINT

WHO CAN ENTER?

Who can enter? Any school or youth group may enter the competition. Different year groups or classes can all enter separately

WHEN?

Houses must be built the 19th – 23rd November 2012.
Register before the 9th of November. Photographs of your completed cardboard house must be submitted before Saturday 24th November.

COMPETITION CRITERIA

Competition entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Architectural design and creativity
- How your entry raises awareness about cold, damp rental houses in New Zealand!
- Winners will be notified by the 28th November 2012. Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

HOW TO ENTER:

Register. Fill in the form below and send it to cardboardhousecompetition@gmail.com

Browse the info pack. If you haven't got one yet, we'll send you one. There are great tips about housing issue, where to find cardboard, and other activities to do in your youth group or classroom. Pick a date, and get people excited! Let your school or youth group know so they can join in. If you get enough interest you could even build a cardboard village.

- Build your house, and send us some photos (up to ten). Houses must be made from cardboard and tape only (decorations are ok!)
- Photos must include one of the outside, one from the inside, and at least one with someone in it to show the scale of the house.
- There must be one photo of the attic of the house.

Send photos to cardboardhousecompetition@gmail.com before Saturday 24th November. Contact us if you want to go further. We can let you know how to stay involved in the issues of housing or poverty in New Zealand.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of school or youth group	<input type="text"/>			
City	<input type="text"/>	Do you have a copy of the info pack?	<input type="text" value="yes"/>	<input type="text" value="no"/>
Name of contact person 1	<i>(student, teacher, or leader)</i>			
Contact number	<input type="text"/>	Email address	<input type="text"/>	
Postal address	<input type="text"/>			
<input type="text"/>				
Name of contact person 2	<input type="text"/>			
Contact number	<input type="text"/>	Email address	<input type="text"/>	
<i>By registering, I give permission for all photos submitted as part of this competition to be used by Anglican Care*.</i>				
Signed	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

*Anglican Care will send photos to the Government as part of a call for a Warrant of Fitness on housing, and use them in support of Jazmine Heka's petition. Photos may also be used in the media and in future promotion of the competition. Photos may be uploaded to Facebook.