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In the Media - Finding jobs for homeless women is a Big Issue



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This article by Rick Feneley was produced July 28, 2010 and published on [The Sydney Morning Herald website](#).

The article discusses the new initiative by the Big Issue to support the employment of women affected by homelessness. For every 100 subscriptions for the Big Issue through their "[Women's Subscription Enterprise](#)" program the Enterprise will employ one woman.

From the article:

THEY are among the legions of Australia's less-visible poor: the 46,000 women who, on any given day, are homeless. Yet Sheynell Perry and Clarissa Hall have been more visible than most because they have worked as street vendors, selling The Big Issue.

About 85 per cent of the magazine's vendors - who must be homeless, vulnerable or marginalised to qualify for the job - are men. It is not a job that usually suits homeless women, most of whom have fled domestic violence. Many lack the confidence for such public displays; many consider standing on street corners too dangerous; others worry about the sex-worker connotations; and many have children in tow. Two-thirds of children seeking refuge in a homeless service last year were in the care of a woman escaping a violent partner.

The article also discusses a recent 'round table' discussion on homelessness which included discussion about social enterprise and employment for women affected by homelessness.

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