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## Street Stories

### Walking tours with a difference

**Street Stories offers a unique insight into Melbourne by taking you on a walking tour of the city, guided by people from homeless backgrounds. The tours will provide much needed financial assistance to the guides and a chance to reconnect with the wider community. Street Stories is an initiative of the University of Melbourne SIFE team.**

Street Stories will provide Melbournians with an opportunity to see their city in a new light by focusing on the guides' personal experiences of the city and the stories that have shaped their lives.

A core aim of the project is to foster greater interest and awareness of the varied causes of homelessness. We believe that the best way to break down persistent stereotypes around homelessness is to put a face to the name – to promote meaningful and personal relationships between people who, though they may come from diverse backgrounds, are ultimately part of the same community. By facilitating greater interaction between students, the general public and the homeless community, the tours also provide the guides with an opportunity to reconnect with the wider community.

The University of Melbourne SIFE team is a non-profit student organisation developing community projects to drive social change. We're generating innovative solutions to some of the biggest problems facing our generation. For more information about SIFE, please visit our website at [www.unimelbsife.org.au](http://www.unimelbsife.org.au)

<http://www.unimelbsife.org.au/projects/current/street-stories/>

#### Street Stories

VENUE  
Melbourne CBD

Melbourne, VIC 3000

DATES: 24-25 September, 1-2 and 8-9 October  
TIME: 1.00pm and 3.00pm (2hr)

#### TICKETS

Full: \$20.00

Concession: \$18.00

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