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### **Perth Social Enterprise To Provide Employment for Homeless**

Social enterprise The Underground Collaborative, has established itself in Perth to provide employment pathways for the homeless, at-risk and disadvantaged, while exploring housing solutions through collaboration.

The organisation came about after founder, Katie Liew discovered the complexities surrounding homelessness, and wanted to focus on addressing the root causes and systemic issues through collaboration, in a bid to help end, and break the cycles of homelessness. She is also passionate about educating society as a whole to better understand without the attached stigmas.

Employment can help break these cycles by providing people with the necessary income, self-esteem, and sense of community connection, to enable them to access, and importantly, maintain sustainable housing.

“I believe through supporting The Underground Collaborative, there are incredible opportunities to enable and empower our community at large, to empower those disadvantaged. I want to bring power to our people, from both sides of the fence.”

“Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness, with family domestic violence being the main driver for youth; as such, our first initiative will be coffee carts which will train and employ women from domestic violence, and life crises backgrounds, with an additional focus on young people.”

“Though we still need their support, I am passionate about reducing dependence on our Government, and instead, encourage and be collaborative with our approach in working with companies, social services and our community, and to be innovative in our methods.” – Katie Liew

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