

# **STUMP**

**SHORT TERM URBAN MISSION PROJECT**

## Frequently Asked Questions

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## 1.0 What is STUMP?

**STUMP** is Edify's *Short Term Urban Mission Project*. It is a week of intense ministry, where you will be serving and doing life with some of Australia's poor and marginalised in our very own backyard – the urban cauldron of Sydney.

**STUMP is NOT a holiday, church camp or retreat.** We expect all participants to treat **STUMP** as a serious mission trip, regardless of the location. **STUMP** exists to give your Youth, Church and/or Corps Groups the chance to encounter Biblical justice and mission first-hand.

Participants will be working amongst some of the City's most vulnerable and hurting people.

Additionally you will receive relevant teaching and training in areas such as homelessness, mental health issues, alcohol and other drug abuse, boundaries and suicide intervention and prevention.

*"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell;  
I want to run a rescue shop within a yard to hell."*

*C.T. Studd*

## 1.1 Where will I be staying and what will I be doing?

Participants of **STUMP** will be accommodated on-site at Streetlevel Mission in Surry Hills.

Streetlevel is a place that seeks to serve suffering humanity in radical and relevant ways. It hosts the Streetlevel Food Market, provides lunch, shower/laundry and locker facilities, Internet access, and welfare assistance to hundreds everyday. Streetlevel seeks to be a place of hope of healing and of restoration.

STUMP participants will be engaging with community members of Streetlevel and the broader community through serving and engagement. A snapshot of some of the activities at **STUMP\*** includes:

- Helping out in the community centre where we offer welfare provision through our Food Market, Café and Family Store.
- Assisting in outreach activities. That means you could be heading out onto the streets to serve coffees in one of our outreach vans or the Internet equipped "Streetnet" bus.
- Partnering with community members via cleaning their homes.

- Spending quality time listening and sharing with members of the community. This will be an amazing opportunity to connect and build relationships with our people and to gather an understanding of the difficult circumstances many of them face.
- Joining with young people in recreational activities and sports nights.
- Taking part in Streetlevel's Friday night church, serving meals, cleaning up and if you are musical playing in the band!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME ACTIVITIES LISTED ABOVE WILL BE TAILORED TO GROUPS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.**

### **1.2 How safe is STUMP?**

At STUMP **safety is one of our top priorities!** We will do everything possible to make sure that participants stay safe during their time here.

Before arrival, you will receive the STUMP Survival Guide, outlining several safety rules and guidelines. Additionally, you will receive training and orientation to prepare you for your time in community and to familiarise you with the environments in which you will work.

### **1.3 Will there be supervision?**

Yes. Every participant will be supervised at all times by competent and experienced personnel.

### **1.4 How much will STUMP cost?**

Individuals are asked to make a \$150 contribution for the week, which will go towards their food, training, resources and administration costs.

### **1.5 Who can apply – is there an age bracket?**

Anyone can apply for **STUMP**, as long as you are over the age of 16 (for legal reasons), and open to dedicating a week of your life to come alongside the vulnerable and disenfranchised.

### **1.6 Are meals provided – what will I eat?**

The STUMP team will provide all of your breakfasts and lunches.

**A number of meals will be spent either serving or eating with**

## **members of our community.**

Groups will need to organise their own dinner on 3 of the nights during the week, with youth leaders assisting them. During orientation you will be given information on local eateries and other options for meals.

### **1.7 What should I bring?**

- Bible
- Bedding (sheets, pillows, doona) and/or sleeping bag
- Clothing that you won't mind getting dirty as well as casual wear
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Any clothing you have with Salvation Army paraphernalia on it
- Personal toiletries, bathroom and beach towel
- Swimmers and Bathers
- Camera
- Any Medication if required
- Exercise Gear and Scarf
- Comfortable, enclosed walking shoes
- Socks and Jocks
- Umbrella and Raincoat
- Torch and Batteries
- Anti-Bacterial Hand Wash
- Thongs
- Hat and Beanie
- Mobile Phone & Charger
- Backpack
- Medicare Card
- Health Insurance Details (if you have private health insurance)
- iPod/mp3 Player (if you have one)
- Laptop (if you have one and want to bring it)

### **1.8 What shouldn't I bring?**

- Clothing that is too tight or revealing (eg. Short shorts, low-cut tops)
- Anything expensive or valuable (jewelry, electronic items, etc.)

### **1.9 Do I need to be part of The Salvation Army or even be a Christian to do STUMP?**

No, we encourage all people from all walks of life to experience STUMP. At the same time for the duration of your stay we expect all participants to adhere to and respect the principles of The Salvation Army. Check out [www.salvos.org.au](http://www.salvos.org.au) or contact us for more information on these.