

Housing First Europe Hub

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INTRODUCTION

.What is Housing First?

- Model to solve homelessness
 - For people that have support needs (related to mental health, addiction etc.)
- 2-part package
 1. Rapid/immediate access to housing
 2. On-going, flexible, multidisciplinary support to the person



What is the Housing First Europe Hub?



Y-SÄÄTIÖ

(Y-Foundation) &



FEANTSA

joint initiative

- **Mission:** Scale up Housing First in Europe to prevent and end homelessness
- **Hub Partners** are committed to the **core principles** of Housing First as defined in the **Housing First Europe Guide**
- A work in progress! Started **June 2016**

Partners

Y-Foundation, Finland

Homeless Link, UK

St Joan de Deu, Spain

Crisis, UK

Fio.psd, Italy

Turning Point Scotland, UK

Husbanken, Norway

Focus, Ireland

Federal Ministry for Social Integration,
Belgium

Lyon – Social Housing & Local
Authorities

Stadsmissioner, Sweden

Federatie Opvang/Impuls,
The Netherlands

Rock Trust Scotland, UK

Fondation Abbe Pierre, France

BSHF, UK/Global*

Dihal, France*

* To be confirmed

Advisors: Sam Tsemberis, Pathways to
Housing, USA; Dr. Stephen Gaetz,
Canadian Observatory on Homelessness;
Melanie Redman, A Way Home Canada;
Peter Fredrikksen, Ministry of
Environment, Finland

Eight core principles:



Housing is
a human right



Choice and
control for
service users



Separation of
housing and
treatment



Recovery
orientation



Harm reduction



Active
engagement
without
coercion



Person-centered
planning



Flexible support
for as long as is
required



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ACTIVITIES



Training

- Establish **pool of trainers** and regular 'train-the-trainer' seminars
- **Support local Housing First networks** and respond to specific training needs, e.g. Training for social workers, housing workers, etc.
- **Develop university course** – inclusive & open to practitioners



Practice

- **Advocacy:** Develop tools for Partners and others to support scaling up of Housing First at local, regional & national level
- **Support communities of practice – national networks** - transnational learning & sharing
- **Roadmap** for scaling up Housing First in a medium-sized city
- **Housing First for Youth** – development of model and trial



Research

- **Monitor research & evaluations** of Housing First projects
- Create an **evaluation template** for Housing First projects
- **Make research available** to make the case for Housing First



How will the Hub work?

- All materials produced by the Hub will be available to everyone
- The Hub will support learning communities and Housing First networks to honestly share knowledge and experience
- All organisations are welcome to be involved in Hub activities



STEERING GROUP

All Hub partners

Coordinators Group

Work cluster coordinators &
Programme Coordinators

Practice*

Support
National
HF
Networks

Community
of Practice
event

Housing
First for
Youth

Training

Train the
trainer
education

University
course

Policy*

Advocacy

Roadmap
- scaling
up HF

Research*

Monitoring
& research
agenda

Evaluation
template

Housing in
Housing
First

Y-Foundation
& FEANTSA

Network
management
Coordination, admin &
financial management

Relevance for Housing Europe

- In Europe, social housing companies provide most of the housing for Housing First projects!
- Key stakeholders in scale-up of HF
- Some already active/interested in the Hub – Est Métropole Habitat, AEDES
- Hub can help address common challenges through training, practice and research activities
- Opportunity to shape the HF agenda in EU



THANK YOU



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