

Housing First England - March 2017

Newsletter

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Housing First for young people

FEANTSA (the European Federation of National Organisations Working with Homeless People) are presently investigating the potential for Housing First for Youth in Europe (HF4Y). It is hoped that a number of pilot schemes will be set up and evaluated across Europe.

FEANTSA is interested in finding out whether there are any Housing First projects in England targeted at (or working with a high proportion of) young people and hearing from any organisation that might be thinking of developing a scheme or adapting a scheme in this area. If you can assist with this initiative, please contact Deborah Quilgars at the University of York (deborah.quilgars@york.ac.uk).



Housing First big team away days

We're busy planning two free events for frontline workers of Housing First services across England. These will take place in London (April) and Leeds (May). They are an opportunity for teams to come together to learn from each other and feed into the wider Housing First England work. There will also be a chance to learn from some guest speakers on subjects such as welfare reform.

If you work in a Housing First service and have not yet been made aware of these events please contact joanne.prestidge@homelesslink.org.uk

Housing First recommended in high profile report

Housing First was featured heavily in the news last week following the publication of a new report by think tank, the Centre for Social Justice. The report recommends Housing First as a key intervention to ending rough sleeping. Many newspapers ran articles including The Guardian, and The Sun. Housing First resident Wayne (who features in our film!) shared his story on Monday's BBC Breakfast in addition to speaking at the launch of the report in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Homeless Link has invited the Secretary of State, Sajid Javid MP, and staff at the DCLG, to meet with us. You can read our official response to the report [here](#).

New resources

We hope you have had a chance to look at our dedicated website hfe.homeless.org.uk. We will be adding new guidance to this over the coming weeks in addition to updating the virtual map of Housing First services.

If your service is not featured on the website, or you have any service evaluations or case studies that you'd like to add, please contact joanne.prestidge@homeless.org.uk

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