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## Housing First England - March update



### Calling peer mentors!

We're inviting peer mentors who volunteer with a Housing First service to attend an exciting one-day workshop that helps develop new skills in sharing your stories and expertise.

The digital storytelling workshop will focus on blogging, photography and videos. It will be free to attend and run by [sounddelivery](#) for a small group of six to eight participants. We hope this opportunity will further empower people with lived experience to influence the Housing First movement in England. Please spread the word to all peer mentors in your service!

**When:** Thursday 19th April 2018, 10am-4.30pm

**Where:** Homeless Link, Minorities House, 2-5 Minorities, London EC3N 1BJ  
Lunch will be provided and travel expenses will be covered.

To find out more and book a place, contact Jo Prestidge:  
[joanne.prestidge@homelesslink.org.uk](mailto:joanne.prestidge@homelesslink.org.uk) or 020 7840 4420.

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### Making Housing First an effective intervention

We know that while Housing First works for people experiencing multiple disadvantage, several structural challenges must be overcome before real change can be achieved.

We are **calling on local and national policymakers** to work with us to ensure the necessary funding, access to housing and co-ordinated service responses are in place to make Housing First a successful intervention across the country.

Please read [our policy paper](#) on this subject and use it in any meetings you may have with policymakers.

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### Tips from the frontline

In case you missed them, **four new resources** based on the input of frontline staff who attended our away days last year are now available on our website.

The '[Tips from frontline professionals](#)' series offers advice on involving people with lived experience, measuring residents' progress, skills needed by Housing First workers and working with social landlords. We hope you'll find them useful!

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### And finally...

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who attended or spoke at our national conference on 28 February - despite the snow! We were pleased to be able to offer opportunities for people to learn more about a whole range of Housing First issues and provision and to network, and hope that this will lead to developments in practice.

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### Stay in touch

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

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