

Housing First England

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## Newsletter - September 2016



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### Housing First In Conversation - Catch up here

In July, staff and a client from Two Saints, one of our members in the South West, visited the Homeless Link offices to participate in a webinar about their Housing First service and experiences. If you missed it, you can listen again by watching the webinar or downloading the podcast [here](#).



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### Save The Date...

In a couple of months we're holding free events which will bring people together to learn more about Housing First, the principles and examples of how these are applied in practice. Make sure you save the date for the event near you and keep an eye on the website to book a place.

Bristol - 1st November 2016

London - 4th November 2016

York - 9th November 2016

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### A Case Study From Haringey

Read [this](#) amazing case study from the Haringey team about their young female client whose life has totally changed since being with the Housing First service.

Got a case study to share? Please send it to [joanne.prestidge@homelesslink.org.uk](mailto:joanne.prestidge@homelesslink.org.uk).

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### Manchester Housing First featured in the Big Issue

Inspiring Change, the Fulfilling Lives partnership in Manchester, are piloting



Housing First with 30 individuals in Manchester.

In August, information about their pilot was featured in the Big Issue. You can read the article [here](#).

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## Newsletter - October 2016



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### Housing First England events - launching the principles

In the first two weeks of November, the Housing First England team and many members of the national movement, will be sharing our knowledge and expertise about Housing First at a series of [events](#).

At the events we will also be launching the principles for delivering Housing First in England - an exciting milestone in our project and for the sector. Make sure you come along to find out more.



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## Our research

We are conducting a longitudinal study of the impact of Housing First on the lives of those benefiting from the service, and their use of services before and since having a home.

If you are taking on new clients and would like to be involved (and haven't been contacted already) please contact [Debra.Hertzberg@homelesslink.org.uk](mailto:Debra.Hertzberg@homelesslink.org.uk)

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## Housing First and Domestic Abuse

Guddy Burnet, a member of the London Housing First network and founder of the [Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance](#), was successfully awarded a Winston Churchill travelling fellowship to travel to the USA, Canada and Australia.

Guddy's research is focussing on the international perspective towards domestic violence, violence against women and girls and housing; including Housing First models.

You can follow her on her travels by reading her [blog](#) and following her updates on [twitter](#).

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## In other news...

- In September, Housing First was **mentioned** in the House of Lords during a short debate on homelessness. Baroness Stroud highlighted the evidence for Housing First and asked Government to consider the Housing First approach for those who have fallen through the net.
- Many Housing First services across England are using the private rented sector to source housing. For good practice you might be interested in **this** free event from Crisis.
- The Housing First England website is currently being created. We hope it will be a hub of useful information. Keep an eye out towards the end of the year!

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## Newsletter - December 2016



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### We launch the principles...

In November we reached a milestone in our project - the launch of the principles for the use of Housing First in England. If you haven't seen them, they can be found [here](#). Developing guidelines, that suits the context here in England, is important to ensure that Housing First projects are able to achieve the best outcomes for the individuals they support.

If you want to find out more, join our [free webinar](#) next week where you'll have a chance to learn how and why they were developed. And there'll be opportunities to ask questions too.



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## The Transatlantic Practice Exchange

Homeless Link's wish to deliver a Housing First England project was partly driven by the learning of Transatlantic Practice Exchange participants in 2014 - many of whom had spent time visiting Housing First projects in the US.

[Applications are currently open for next year's exchange.](#) You can propose your own topic or apply to learn about one of those already suggested; many of which would be relevant to staff working in Housing First projects in the UK.

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## Presentations catch up

Our Principles to Practice events in November were a huge success; very well attended with much enthusiasm from delegates.

We've loaded all the presentations onto a webpage - you can find them [here](#). Thanks to all of those that were involved.

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## In other news...

- Housing First was a key theme of the recent Cathy at 50 Inside Housing campaign. [This](#) article speaks about the use of Housing First in England; featuring members of the Housing First England movement.
- Homeless Link CEO, Rick Henderson, was [interviewed](#) by BBC radio 5 live in November, alongside Dr Sam Tsemberis. They speak about the benefits and case for Housing First (around 1hr15mins in).
- A Housing First resident talks about his experiences in this wonderful video interview for the [New View Project](#) - 'cheers to hope' Justin!



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