




National Homelessness Conference 2018

6–7 August | Melbourne Cricket Ground

PROGRAM



Day 1 Monday 6 August 2018

8.00 – 8.50	Registration	
8.50 – 9.10	Welcome to the conference	Members Dining Room
	<p>Welcome to Country, Uncle Colin Hunter</p> <p>Official welcome by Conference Co-conveners:</p> <p>Jenny Smith, Chair, Homelessness Australia</p> <p>Dr Michael Fotheringham, Executive Director, AHURI</p>	
9.10 – 10.40	Plenary 1 – International keynote address	Members Dining Room
	<p>Keynote speaker</p> <p>Professor Marah Curtis, University of Wisconsin-Madison will deliver a keynote presentation on her research exploring how poverty and intersecting vulnerabilities impact on housing security and homelessness in the US.</p> <hr/> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Katherine McKernan, Deputy Chair, Homelessness Australia</p> <p>Panel members</p> <p>Paula Coghill, Aboriginal Specialist, CHIA NSW</p> <p>Professor Guy Johnson, Professor of Urban Housing and Homelessness, RMIT University</p>	
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10.40 – 11.20	Morning tea	
11.20 – 12.30	Plenary 2 – National responses to homelessness	Members Dining Room
	<p>This session features a panel discussion on the national priorities and policies for responding to homelessness.</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Sarah Abo, Presenter of SBS World News</p> <p>Panel members</p> <p>Senator Hon Doug Cameron, Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Australian Labor Party</p> <p>Senator Lee Rhiannon, Housing and Homelessness Spokesperson, The Greens</p> <p>Kate Colvin, Campaign Spokesperson, Everybody's Home and Deputy CEO, Council to Homeless Persons</p>	
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12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	

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13.30 – 15.00 Concurrent sessions					
<p>Young people and homelessness <i>Olympic Room A</i></p> <p>This session will explore integrated approaches that work with young people to address homelessness, build skills and keep tenancies.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Mark Glasson, Anglicare WA</p> <p>Dr Catherine Robinson, Social Action and Research Centre</p> <p>James Toomey, Mission Australia</p> <p>Elvis Martin, Council to Homeless Persons</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Adam Barnes, Brisbane Youth Service</p> <p>Sponsored by: </p>	<p>Through the eye of the needle – Improving outcomes under the NDIS <i>Harrison Room A</i></p> <p>This session will examine the NDIS and how to improve outcomes under the program for people experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Dr Clare Townsend, Synapse</p> <p>Kate Paterson, Council to Homeless Persons</p> <p>Kate Cvetanovski, Northside Community Service</p> <p>Dr Gerry Naughtin, National Disability Insurance Agency</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Jenny Smith, Homelessness Australia</p>	<p>Exiting into homelessness <i>Olympic Room B</i></p> <p>This session will examine what needs to change to stop the revolving door of people leaving state care, health care and prison into homelessness.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Prof Eileen Baldry, University of NSW</p> <p>Prof Olav Nielssen, Macquarie University</p> <p>Paul McDonald, Anglicare Victoria</p> <p>Leigh Garrett, OARS Community Transitions</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Debbie Kilroy, Sisters Inside</p>	<p>Sheltered and safe – The role of housing in ending domestic and family violence <i>Jim Stynes Room B</i></p> <p>This session will explore best-practice housing and support responses to domestic and family violence.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Alison Macdonald, Domestic Violence Victoria</p> <p>Dr Angela Spinney, Swinburne University of Technology</p> <p>David Cain, Communicare</p> <p>Kathrine Cock, Women's Safety Services SA</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Margaret Augerinos, Centre for Non-Violence</p> <p>Sponsored by: </p>	<p>Respecting difference <i>Harrison Room B</i></p> <p>This session will explore unique lived experiences of homelessness and examine the role of specialist and mainstream services for LGBTIQ and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Prof Ruth McNair, University of Melbourne</p> <p>Monique Dam, Domestic Violence NSW</p> <p>Kai Schweizer, Youth Affairs Council, WA</p> <p>Dr Joyce Chia, Refugee Council of Australia</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Maha Abdo OAM, Muslim Women Association</p>	<p>Ageing with no address <i>Jim Stynes Room A</i></p> <p>This session will look at the challenges faced by older people at risk of homelessness as well as effective policy response frameworks, current research and latest evidence.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Dr Emma Power, Western Sydney University</p> <p>Penny Leemhuis, Older Women Lost in Housing</p> <p>Dr Debbie Faulkner, University of Adelaide</p> <p>John Berger, St Bartholomew's House</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Jeff Fiedler, Housing for the Aged Action Group</p>

15.00 – 15.40 Afternoon tea

15.40 – 17.00 Plenary 3 – Beyond the criminalisation of inner-city homelessness Members Dining Room

This session features a panel discussion on moving beyond law enforcement approaches to develop best practice local government responses to rough sleeping.

Keynote speaker

The Right Hon. Sally Capp, The Lord Mayor of Melbourne

Facilitator

Roslyn Cook, Managing Solicitor, Homeless Persons' Legal Service

Panel members

David Pearson, Executive Director, Don Dunstan Foundation

Monique Wiseman, Aboriginal Program Manager, Wayside Chapel

Lucy Adams, Manager of Strategic Advocacy and Policy, Victoria Legal Aid

17.00 – 18.30 VincentCare Victoria networking reception

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Day 2 Tuesday 7 August 2018

7.30 – 8.45	Registration		
7.45 – 8.45	Sunrise Sessions (optional)		
	Australian Homelessness Monitor 2018 Jim Stynes Room B Speakers Dr Andrew Hollows , Launch Housing	Alliance to end homelessness in WA Olympic Room B Speakers Debra Zanella , Ruah Community Services Mark Glasson , Anglicare WA Amanda Hunt , Uniting Care West John Berger , St Bartholomew's House Kathleen Gregory , Foundation Housing Michelle McKenzie , Shelter WA Prof Paul Flatau , University of Western Australia	Everybody's Home – A national housing campaign Olympic Room A Speakers Kate Colvin , Everybody's Home and Council to Homeless Persons Peter Lewis , Essential Media Katherine McKernan , Homelessness NSW Karen Walsh , Shelter NSW
9.00 – 9.30	Welcome to day two		Members Dining Room
	Keynote speaker Hon Martin Foley MP , Victorian Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing Facilitator Jenny Smith , Chair, Homelessness Australia		
9.30 – 10.45	Plenary 4 – International keynote address		Members Dining Room
	Keynote speaker Juha Kaakinen , CEO of the Y Foundation Finland, will deliver a keynote presentation exploring the Housing First model and Finland's considerable success in ending homelessness. Facilitator Dr Michael Fotheringham , Executive Director, AHURI		
10.45 – 11.15	Morning tea		
11.15 – 12.30	Plenary 5 – Changing attitudes to homelessness		Members Dining Room
	This session examines how homelessness and people with lived experience are portrayed in the media. It examines how the media be encouraged take a more responsible role in reporting on homelessness and how can the sector best work with the media to bring attention to the real issues?		
	Facilitator Patricia Karvelas , Host of the ABC Radio National program RN Drive	Panel members Jacob Hickey , Writer and Series Producer, Filthy Rich & Homeless, and Head of Factual for Blackfella Films Dr Catherine Robinson , Social Action and Research Centre Tom Elliott , Host of 3AW Drive Christine Thirkell , Graduate, Peer Education and Support Program	
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<p>Never about us without us Olympic Room B</p> <p>This session explores best practice examples of embedding lived experience and consumer participation in service structures.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Margot Politis, Milk Crate Theatre</p> <p>Chris Hartley, Homelessness NSW</p> <p>Ian Gough, Jody Letts, Council to Homeless Persons</p> <p>Camilla Williams, Mark Morel, Neami National</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Talie Star, NSW Advocate</p>	<p>Ending rough sleeping, what works? Olympic Room A</p> <p>This session explores best practice in assertive outreach and permanent supportive housing responses to homelessness.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Karyn Walsh, Micah Projects</p> <p>Debra Zanella, Ruah Community Services</p> <p>Yvette Park, Department of Housing and Community, NT</p> <p>Sherri Bruinhout, Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Katherine McKernan, Homelessness NSW</p>	<p>Aboriginal homelessness perspectives Harrison Room B</p> <p>This session aims to understand the unique challenges and best-practice approaches to responding to remote and urban Aboriginal homelessness.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Monique Wiseman, Wayside Chapel</p> <p>Ian Trust, Wunan</p> <p>Sally Langton, Sally Langton Consulting</p> <p>Jason Russell, Council to Homeless Persons</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Jenni Beetson-Mortimer, Northern Rivers Community Gateway</p>	<p>Beyond blankets, handbags and laundries Jim Stynes Room A</p> <p>This session will explore effective private sector investment and donation strategies to assist in addressing homelessness.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Gavin Jackman, The Big Issue, Homes for Homes</p> <p>Felicity Reynolds, Mercy Foundation</p> <p>Prof Kristy Muir, Centre of Social Impact, University of NSW</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Michael Horn, Research consultant and Council to Homeless Persons (VIC) Board Member</p>	<p>Restoring sanctuary: responding to experiences of trauma Jim Stynes Room B</p> <p>This session explores how agencies working with people experiencing homelessness can create trauma informed cultures.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Cathy Humphrey, Sacred Heart Mission</p> <p>Prof Paul Flatau, Centre for Social Impact, University of Western Australia</p> <p>Simon Benjamin, The Lighthouse Foundation</p> <p>John Blewonski, VincentCare, Victoria</p> <p>Kerri-Anne Williams, St Vincent de Paul NSW</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Dr Evelyne Tadros, Mission Australia</p>	<p>Making the private market work in responding to homelessness Harrison Room A</p> <p>This session will explore innovative strategies that government and the private sector can consider to make the private market work in responding to homelessness.</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Heather Holst, Launch Housing</p> <p>Celia Adams, BeyondHousing</p> <p>Jeanette Large, Women's Property Initiatives</p> <p>Cindi Petersen, Brooke Morley, Launchpad Youth Community</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Adrian Pisarski, National Shelter</p>

15.00 – 15.30 Afternoon tea

15.30 – 16.45 Plenary 6 – International keynote address Members Dining Room

Keynote speaker

Professor Nicholas Pleace, Director, Centre for Housing Policy, University of York (UK) examines Housing First in Europe and whether focusing on chronic homelessness is adequate to reduce homelessness.

Facilitator

Dr Michael Fotheringham, Executive Director, AHURI

Panel members

Professor Paul Flatau, Director, Centre for Social Impact, University of Western Australia

Jane Barnes, General Manager - Adult Services, The Salvation Army

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16.45 – 17.00 Official conference close

Closing remarks – AHURI and Homelessness Australia