

What is the Housing First Europe Hub?

Mission:

To promote and support the scaling up of Housing First to end and prevent homelessness

Getting to know each other...



THE OTHER EUROPE

COLD REALITY FIGURES ON HOMELESSNESS

*NON-COMPARABLE



+150%
From 2014 to 2016

GERMANY
860,000
Homeless in 2016

+169%
From 2010 to 2017

ENGLAND
4,751
Homeless sleeping rough on one night in 2017

+32%
From 2008 to 2016

AUSTRIA
15,090
Statutory homeless people 2016

+96%
From 2008 to 2016

BELGIUM BRUSSELS
3,386
Homeless on one night in November 2016

+8%
From 2015 to 2017

DENMARK
6,635
Homeless (one week in 2017)

+20.5%
From 2014 to 2016

SPAIN
16,437
People per day on average in emergency shelters in 2016

-18%
From 2009 to 2016

FINLAND
6,644
Homeless people (one night in November 2016)

+17%
From 2016 to 2017

FRANCE
20,845
People called the 115 homeless helpline requesting accommodation (in June 2017)

HUNGARY
10,206
Homeless (1 night in February 2016)

+145%
From 2014 to 2017

IRELAND
8,857
People in emergency accommodation (November 2017)

+16.2%
From 2015 to 2016

LITHUANIA
4,569
In temporary accommodation (one night in 2016)

+11%
From 2011 to 2016

THE NETHERLANDS
60,120
People in homeless accommodation services in 2016

CZECH REPUBLIC
68,500
Homeless in 2016

SWEDEN
33,000
Homeless (1 week in 2017)

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Training

- Train the trainer programme

Research

- Current research on HF
- New research on HF – state of HF in Europe – expected in early 2019
- Survey on housing in HF
- Evaluation framework

Practice

- Support for national networks, Hub partners, others;
- HF4Y – training, evaluation framework, promotion
- Follow up from Liverpool study - tools for cities and others scaling up HF
- Conferences, visitors, exchanges



Founding partners



Etre humain!



International advisors:
Canadian Observatory
on Homelessness, A
Way Home Canada, and
Pathways to Housing
(USA)



Training: train the trainer programme



- First cohort finished their 4 course programme

Course now established:
3 sessions per programme

Hub trainers commit to sharing resources and knowledge; and to return for a 'refresher' course at least once a year

- Trainers deliver training at local and national level to a wide range of audiences

Contents of the course cover all chapters of the HFE Guide including:

- Understanding HF
- Supporting HF
- Managing HF

The Hub now has a pool of 30 qualified trainers

Train the trainer – results

- Excellent group dynamic amongst the trainers:
 - consistently call upon each other between training sessions,
 - share resources and ideas,
 - have invited trainers from the cohort to observe or contribute to training programmes - depending on language skills, costs, etc.
- Commitment from trainers to return to the Hub for a refresher course every 12 months
- Established curriculum for a second cohort - 3 sessions
 - January, March, June 2019



Research

Monitor research & evaluations of Housing First projects

Create an **evaluation template** for Housing First projects

Survey of housing types used in HF projects in Europe

Report on the state of HF in Europe

Annual Early Career Research Award



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 - almost ready – based on the Liverpool study

Housing First for Youth: development of model, pilot project, training and evaluation framework

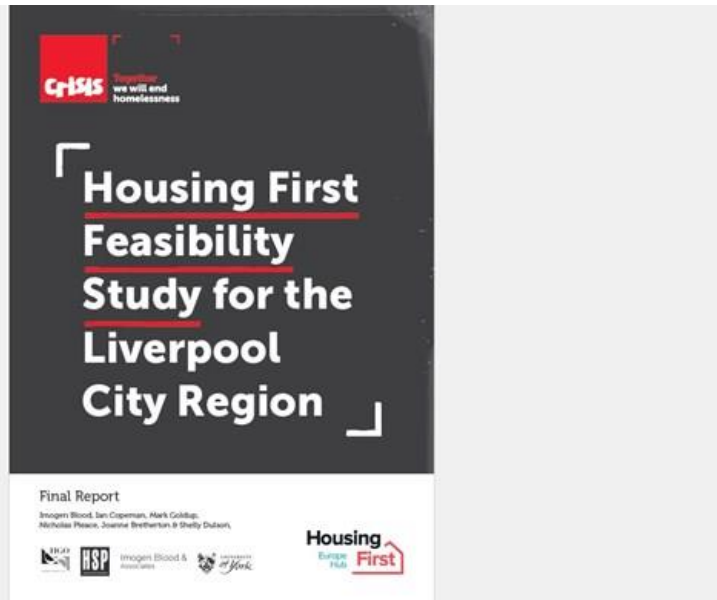
Support for national platforms, Hub partners, visitors, etc.

- Y-Foundation welcomes MANY visitors to Helsinki – the Hub is presented as an important element of the work;
- Responses to requests for:
 - information,
 - speakers, contacts, partners...
 - wide ranging list of requests including advice on commissioning services, drafting calls for proposals, etc.
 - assessment tools,
 - staff recruitment and retention, etc.
- Responses to organisations and countries just starting HF – e.g. Hungary, Berlin, other enquiries from Germany
- Invitations to speak at events across Europe
- National platform meetings – France, Ireland, Belgium, Finland



Impact of the Liverpool study

- Key tool for sharing with interested groups – e.g. cities (Grenoble, Lyon, Berlin, Utrecht), commissioning bodies (NHS Hackney, Lyon), and organisations (ANSA in France)
- Important example of how to bring actors from different sectors together – kick off meeting.
- Funding for UK pilot projects in Birmingham, Liverpool & Manchester (€28 million)



Housing First for Youth Pilot project Scotland



- Pilot project – support for Rock Trust, along with Housing association providing accommodation
- Priority on young people leaving care, *the ones who seem most likely to fall through the cracks or fail*
- Training – with Focus Ireland & Rock Trust; 30 participants in October 2018, 20 in Feb 2018
- Funding – guaranteed for 2 years
- Evaluation & training – for Rock Trust & others in Europe

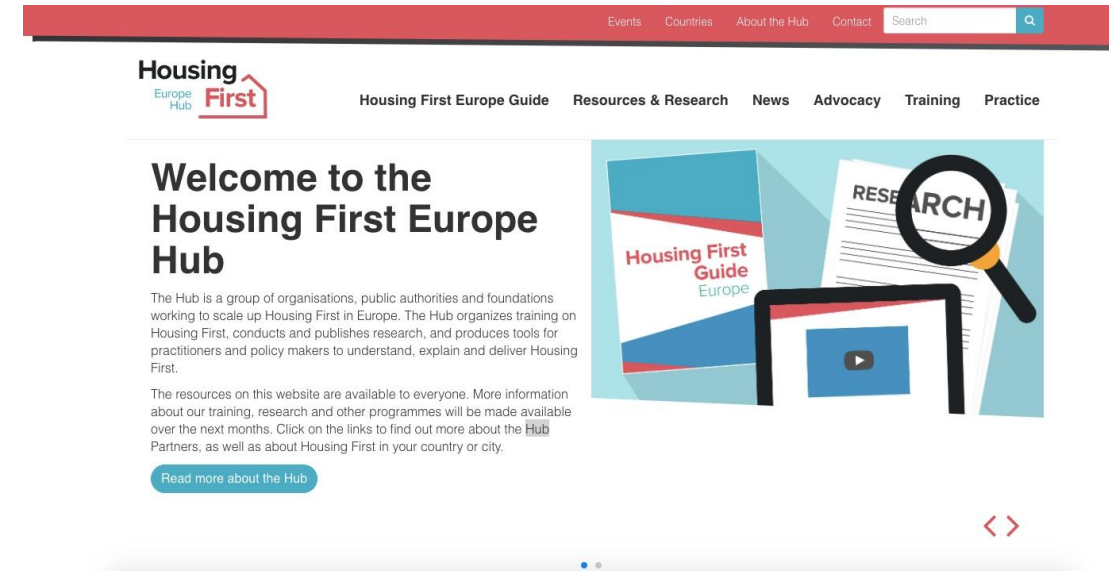


Communications

Website

- Training resources
 - Housing First Europe Guide (English, French, Italian, Czech, Spanish, Hungarian, German and Swedish)
- Research

News, articles, arguments for making the case for Housing First



Where do we go from here?

New horizons and priorities

- Demand from cities and agencies for support in developing calls for tenders, evaluation, etc.
- Visibility of our work
- Political support for scaling up
- Working across the sectors
 - Social integration, employment, etc.

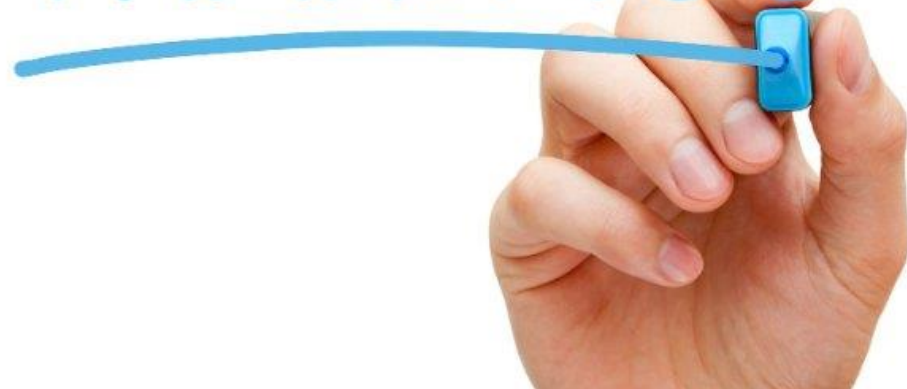


What can we learn from your experience?



- Fidelity – what happens as the model becomes popular...and people claim to be doing HF when they are not
- Support for front line workers – inherent challenge – sharing across language and culture
- Unexpected places for resistance to moving to HF – part of culture/mind shift

THANK YOU



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