

ENDING STREET HOMELESSNESS IN YOUR CITY



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Chicago, Illinois 60604

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Ending Street Homelessness in Your City is the second biennial conference of the Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH). By invitation only, the event will convene leaders with a country-level, regional or global perspective on homelessness. Attendees will return home with improved tools to drive toward an end to street homelessness:

- A clear vision of what an end to street homelessness looks like;
- Strategies for measuring progress; and
- Approaches to the most difficult political and practical challenges cities face in achieving this goal.

*The conference will be emceed by **Mrinalini Ravi**, The Banyan, Chennai, India*

MONDAY, JUNE 5

8:00 - 9:00 A.M.

Registration and continental breakfast

9:00 - 9:45 A.M.

★ Opening plenary

Room 8005

*Emcee: **Mrinalini Ravi**, The Banyan, Chennai, India*

10:00 - 11:30 A.M. SIMULTANEOUS PANELS

★ Using measurement and data to end homelessness

Room 8005

Panelists will discuss the role of measurement as part of a successful effort to end homelessness. Hear perspectives from the city level in Chicago, USA; Montevideo, Uruguay; and on the role of street homelessness in measuring homelessness in Europe.

Presenters

*Moderator: **Nonie Brennan**, CEO, All Chicago*

Mayra Aldama, Ministerio de Desarrollo Social, Montevideo, Uruguay

Kimberly Schmitt, All Chicago

Volker Busch-Geertsema, GLSS, Bremen, Germany and the European Observatory on Homelessness

Defining an end to homelessness

Room 8010

Presenters will discuss how national efforts to end homelessness in Canada, the USA and Finland developed and operationalized definitions of success, with attention to lessons learned.

Presenters

*Moderator: **Suzanne Fitzpatrick**, Heriot-Watt University*

Tom Albanese, Community Shelter Board, Columbus, Ohio, USA

Beth Sandor, Built for Zero, Community Solutions, USA

Sanna Tiivola, Director, No Fixed Abode, Finland

11:45 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

★ Plenary: Ending Homelessness in Chicago

Room 8005

Nonie Brennan, CEO, All Chicago

Keynote: Lisa Morrison Butler, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Family and Support Services

12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

Optional lunchtime workshop:

Using real-time data to end homelessness

Room 8002

This workshop will introduce the concept of real-time data, and why it matters in efforts to end homelessness. Attendees will learn tips for collecting and using real-time data.

*Facilitator: **Jessica Marcus**, Community Solutions*

1:45 - 3:15 P.M. SIMULTANEOUS PANELS

★ Counting homelessness across contexts

Room 8005

This session will examine methods to measure homelessness in a variety of cultural and economic contexts. Learn about inclusion of homeless people in the 2017 Chilean census; integration of questions related to homelessness by Eurostat, the European Union's statistical office; and an effort to estimate the number of homeless children in seven cities in Cambodia.

Presenters

*Moderator: **Dennis Culhane**, University of Pennsylvania*

Isabel Lacalle, CalleLink, Chile

Freek Spinnewijn, European Federation of National Organizations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)

Beth Rubenstein, Columbia University, USA (regarding Cambodia)

Sessions with translation are marked with a ★.

A note on translation: All plenaries and half of the simultaneous panels will be translated to or from Spanish. We have headphones available for those who would like to use this service.

Strategies to address encampments

Room 8010

This session will share lessons for addressing homelessness among people living in encampments. Presenters will share context and lessons learned from the USA, with a special focus on an encampment resolution approach in San Francisco, and from the United Kingdom.

Presenters

Moderator: **Samantha Batko**, National Alliance to End Homelessness, USA

Jeff Kositsky, Director, Office of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, San Francisco, USA

Jason Albertson, Encampment Resolution Team, San Francisco, USA

Ian Brady, Depaul International, United Kingdom

3:30 - 5:00 P.M. SIMULTANEOUS PANELS

★ Migration and homelessness

Room 8005

Speakers will address homelessness among cross-country migrants in South America; internal migrants in Kazakhstan; and asylum-seekers in Europe. Discussion will surface common challenges across these contexts and any promising approaches.

Presenters

Moderator: **Freek Spinnewijn**, FEANTSA

Sebastián Zulueta, Fundación America Solidaria

Aslan Tanekenov, Kazakh-British Technical University, Kazakhstan

Volker Busch-Geertsema, GISS, Bremen, Germany and the European Observatory on Homelessness

Legal and enforcement issues

Room 8010

This session will examine questions related to engaging law enforcement in efforts to end street homelessness and will consider homelessness and legal issues broadly.

Presenters

Moderator: **Suzanne Fitzpatrick**, Heriot-Watt University

Harry Tan, Monash University (speaking on Singapore's Destitute Persons Act)

Sarah Johnsen, Heriot-Watt University

Jeremy Rosen, consultant, (formerly the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, USA)

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Reception and happy hour

11th Floor outdoor terrace

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 - 9:00 A.M.

Continental breakfast

9:00 - 10:30 A.M. SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS

★ Begging and panhandling

Room 8005

This session will examine the nature of begging in different contexts, including how begging interacts with public perception, outreach work and efforts to address homelessness.

Presenters

Moderator: **Jeremy Swain**, Thames Reach, United Kingdom

Sanjay Kumar, Aashray Adhikar Abhiyan, Delhi, India

Sarah Johnsen, Heriot-Watt University

Luis Enrique Hernández, El Caracol, Mexico City, Mexico

Solutions Showcase

Room 8010

This session will explore a series of projects, campaigns or innovations related to ending street homelessness through short 5-10 minute presentations. Our goal is to offer an introductory teaser to these speakers and projects, so that you can identify presenters you would like to connect with at lunch to learn more.

Presenters

Kristen Berlacher, Airbnb: Airbnb and the SF Giants team up to help end family homelessness, USA

Ligia Teixeira, Crisis: Ending homelessness faster by focusing on what works, Scotland

Marco Iazzolino, Italian Federation of Organization for Homeless People: HomelessZero, Italy

Isobel Ashford, Building and Social Housing Foundation: Sharing experiences from the European End Street Homelessness Campaign

Heather Holst, Launch Housing: Street Homelessness in Australia: Current State and Next Steps

10:45 - 11:45 A.M.

★ Plenary

Room 8005

Coordinators, Latin American Network on Homelessness

Rosanne Haggerty, President, Community Solutions

12:00 - 12:45 P.M.

Lunch

1:00 - 1:45 P.M. SIMULTANEOUS PRESENTATIONS

Attendees will have the choice to join one of the following presentations with a smaller group of peers during a conference “speed round” that is half the length of our other workshops:

Room 8009

Using Housing First to End UK Street Homelessness: Opportunities and Challenges

Nicholas Pleace, FEANTSA

Room 8010

Tackling Homelessness in India with Grace, Dignity, Rights and Equity

Indu Prakash Singh, Action Aid India and **Mrinalini Ravi**, The Banyan

Room 8002

Is your local community the answer to ending hidden homelessness? The Nightstop model of addressing hidden homelessness in the UK

Martin Houghton-Brown, Depaul UK

Room 8005

★ IGH Global Framework of Homelessness in Argentina, Brazil, and Puerto Rico

Griselda Palleres, Universidad de Buenos Aires; **Silvia Schor**, University of São Paulo; **Alexia Suarez**, Proyectos FELICIDAD-University of Puerto Rico

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 continued

2:00 - 3:30 P.M. WORKING SESSIONS

Attendees have the choice to join one of the following participant-organized working groups:

Street Outreach & Engagement to Chronically Homeless Individuals

Room 8010

This is an open workshop intended especially for community representatives interested in learning about and/or sharing outreach/engagement strategies.

Organizer: Dave Thomas, All Chicago

★ The Americas and Caribbean Exchange on Homelessness

Room 8005

Interactive discussion to open a forum for international representatives who are interested in working within the American Continent—including the US and Canada—and Caribbean Region to present current projects and future opportunities for collaborations and knowledge exchange. Within the workshop we will open a discussion on female homelessness and gender perspective projects.

Organizers: Karinna Soto, CalleLink and Alexia Suarez, Proyectos FELICIDAD

Homelessness as failed migrant labor: feedback on results from Marikana, South Africa

Room 8009

Participants will learn preliminary results of a study on the relation between migrant labor and street homelessness in Marikana/Rustenburg, South Africa. The workshop will seek feedback on how prevalent this relation appears on other continents and explore the usefulness to policy of using informal settlements as an entry step on the way to owned permanent housing.

Organizer: Catherine Cross, StepSA Project, Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa/Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

3:45 - 4:30 P.M.

Key lessons and next steps

Attendees will break into three rooms for facilitated conversation about how they will use strategies from the conference when they return home, and what our next steps should be as a global movement.

4:45 - 5:00 P.M.

★ Wrap up and farewell

Room 8005

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

8:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. SITE VISITS – OPTIONAL

Those who signed up will meet in front of the Barnes and Noble at the DePaul Center at 8:45 a.m. The visits, arranged by **All Chicago** to **Heartland Health Outreach** and **Deborah's Place**, will last until 1:00 p.m., and lunch will be provided upon return to DePaul.

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