

1. Themes & Topics

The IGH Blog seeks to provide a global perspective on homelessness, with an emphasis on solutions. We curate and create content with the hope that readers leave with a better sense of what homelessness looks like across the world, and of what is being done to end it. We seek submissions that serve one of the following functions: (1) tell success stories or highlight effective practice; (2) illustrate the nature of homelessness in a particular city or region; or (3) provide information about the work of our partners where there is relevance to a wider audience.

IGH will choose whether to publish submitted posts at its sole discretion. Please note that we will not publish calls for fundraising, inflammatory/libelous material, or work unrelated to homelessness. We are looking for articles which open a discussion and offer practical or academic discourse on global and local issues of homelessness. To that end, we welcome the following types of blog posts:

- Local, national, and international success stories about efforts to end homelessness. These may refer to clear-cut success in terms of an outcome, such as the story of a single person moving into housing. They may also refer to achievements regarding progress or milestones toward ending homelessness in a specific place, such as the release of a national strategy or the successful completion of a citywide survey to measure homelessness and understand specific housing needs. The best success stories will include insight around which factors led to the success described.
- Analysis of homelessness in a specific location, or comparisons of homelessness across locations.
- Highlighting an effective approach, strategy or tool for solving homelessness. The best submissions will include follow-up information to allow someone in another city or country to explore beyond the blog post.
- Sharing an opportunity relevant to a global audience, such as a conference on homelessness or a call for papers on topics related to solving homelessness.

2. Quality

Submitted blog posts must:

- be between 500-700 words in length
- include an image (see below for details)
- be grammar, fact, and spell-checked according to AP Style conventions
- be formatted according to our standards (see below)
- be original content, though quoting from external sources is fine as long as they are sourced with a link

3. Link Requirements & Policies

If you make reference to something from elsewhere online--such as another article, an organization, or an event (including your own)--include an in-text link. For example:

IGH spent last weekend in the City of Light for the annual policy conference of the [European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless \(FEANTSA\)](#). "Homelessness, A Local Phenomenon with a European Dimension–Key Steps to Connect Communities to Europe" set out to support policy and practice in homelessness across Europe.

In all cases, contributors should double-check the relevance and validity of links before submission. IGH may include additional links at our discretion.

4. Image Requirements

Every post must include at least 1 image. Posts may also include up to 4 additional images. IGH reserves the right to resize images as necessary. Pictures can be in gif, png, jpg or jpeg format. Images are not to be inserted into the text, but are to be sent as a separate attachment. If the image is not yours, please send a link to the source as well.

All images MUST come with a source and any copyright information. It is essential that we have permission to publish the image, either through a [Creative Commons license](#) or through explicit written permission from the copyright owner. Please provide a link to the source of the image if the image is from the internet.

If the photograph is your own, please note how you would like us to credit you.

5. Copyright & Republishing

IGH does not require exclusive rights to any work. By submitting a post to IGH you grant IGH a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to publish, reproduce, and publicly display your work. If your work has been published elsewhere, it is your responsibility to ascertain whether you can re-submit your work to IGH, and to let the previous publisher(s) know that you have done so.

6. Editorial & Language Policy

IGH reserves the right to edit any submissions for grammar, spelling, and formatting (see below). We may ask you to include further information on a topic, or to lengthen/shorten the piece as necessary, but on the whole these edits will be cosmetic. IGH will never seek to change the content or message of a submitted blog post.

We will consider blog posts in any language, but submissions are more likely to be accepted if they are accompanied by English translation.

7. Formatting preferences

Please note that blogs submitted may be reformatted by IGH, and as such the site layout may not look exactly like your submission.

8. How to submit your blog piece

All submissions should be made electronically, in MS Word (no PDFs), e-mailed as an attachment to mseeley@ighomelessness.org with the subject, "Blog Post Submission." We will tell you within seven days whether your submission has been accepted.

Please include a brief author's biography of no more than three sentences, with any relevant links.

9. Ethics

Accuracy

Contributors are responsible for the factual accuracy of their work.

Plagiarism

Unattributed use of other people's work is unacceptable and harmful not only to the author but also to the reputation of the blog. Responsibility for any plagiarism will rest with the author.

Comments

Comments and replies will be moderated. Comments with profanity, personal attacks, or which are meant to derail constructive conversation will be deleted.

Please report any offensive or unwarranted behavior.