



Homelessness in a
Global Landscape

IGH Institute
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DePaul University and Depaul International are partners in the Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH), based at DePaul University in Chicago. IGH will serve as a central hub where policymakers and practitioners can find the tools they need to end homelessness across the world.

DEAR COLLEAGUES,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Homelessness in a Global Landscape, the first conference of the Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH).

We are grateful for the effort you have made to be here. This week you will meet researchers, on-the-ground leaders and policy experts from thirty countries across six continents. Each of you brings a unique perspective to the questions you will tackle here, with one shared vision: a world where everyone has a home.

DePaul University and Depaul International partnered to launch IGH because when our most vulnerable neighbors experience homelessness, it is a sign that our cities and communities are broken. Though there is not a “silver bullet” solution that will work everywhere, we are certain that by remaining creative, tenacious and open to learning from one another, we can solve this in each of the places we live and eventually worldwide.

In the service of this vision, this week we will channel your expertise toward a common framework to enable collaboration across regions. We will work toward clear steps to measure homelessness, to better understand progress and assess policy interventions. Along the way, some of you will think through a structure for a global movement, and others will inform a research agenda to help funders and policymakers fill key gaps in our knowledge base.

Above all, our hope is that each of you leaves Chicago feeling connected to a global community of doers, thinkers and policymakers determined to put an end to homelessness in our lifetimes.

Thank you for your leadership. Enjoy Chicago!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louise Casey", with a stylized, flowing script.

Louise Casey
IGH Advisory Board Chair



Homelessness in a Global Landscape

IGH has convened thought leaders from six continents toward realizing one vision: a world where everyone has a home. Sessions will be organized along three program streams.

CU Toward a common understanding of homelessness (CU)

These sessions examine how homelessness is understood and measured across regions, gathering feedback toward a Global Typology of Homelessness and a strategy for measuring it worldwide.

IP Interactive planning sessions (IP)

These participatory, facilitated working groups will bring attendees together to explore development of a global research agenda on homelessness and approaches to building a global movement.

SS Shared solutions (SS)

These panels will explore what research, practice and policy tell us about successful approaches that work across countries. We will examine solutions to specific challenges, with emphasis on how these might be adapted to other local contexts.

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

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DePaul Center
1 E. Jackson Boulevard, Room 8005
Chicago, Illinois 60604

The conference will be co-emceed by

Tim Richter
CEO of the Canadian Alliance
to End Homelessness

Jeremy Swain
CEO of the London-based
organization Thames Reach

MONDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 - 9:00 A.M.

Registration and continental breakfast

9:00 - 10:15 A.M.

★ Opening plenary
Room 8005

10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS

CU Measurement workshop

★ Room 8010

This session will set the context for measurement of homelessness on a global scale. We will examine and assess existing methods for measuring homelessness, including capture/recapture; retrospective models; and telephone surveys.

Presenters

Moderator: **Steven Metraux**, National Center for Homelessness Among Veterans, USA

Dennis Culhane, University of Pennsylvania, USA

Isabel Lacalle, Corporación Nuestra Casa and CalleLink, Chile

Volker Busch-Geertsema, GISS Bremen, Germany

Suzanne Fitzpatrick, Heriot-Watt University, UK

Paul Toro, Wayne State University, USA

SS Housing First – lessons from Canada and France Room 8009

This session will consider evaluations of Housing First in Canada and France, with attention to strategies for scaling up. The research team for Canada's Chez Soi/At Home project will discuss the results of their 5-year, multi-site RCT of a Housing First program and efforts to scale up. We will then turn to France, where a similar evaluation is underway in four cities. We will end with discussion of how these cases might inform work on Housing First in other countries.

Presenters

Moderator: **Sam Tsemberis**, Pathways to Housing, USA

Geoffrey Nelson, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada

Paula Goering, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Canada

Tim Aubry, University of Ottawa, Canada

Aurelie Tinland, Marseille Public University Hospital System, France

Christina Psarra, MARSS /APHM (Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Marseille), France

12:15 - 12:45 P.M.

Keynote speaker

Room 8005

Louise Casey, UK Government's Troubled Families Programme

12:45 - 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

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

CU Thailand, the Philippines, Russia and Canada Room 8010

This international panel will explore understanding and measurement of homelessness in Thailand, the Philippines, Russia and Canada.

Presenters

Moderator: **Judith Wolf**, Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Center

Boonlert Visetpricha, University of Wisconsin – Madison, on Thailand and the Philippines

Elena Tsatsura, Institute for Social Analysis and Forecasting RANEP, on Russia

Steve Gaetz, York University, on Canada

SS National strategies to address homelessness Room 8009

★ Panelists will assess strategies to address homelessness at the national level in Finland, India, and across the European Union with practical takeaways for policymakers.

Presenters

Moderator: **Eoin O'Sullivan**, Trinity College Dublin, moderator and overview of the European Union

Nicholas Pleace, University of York, presenting on Finland

Ashwin Parulkar, Centre for Equity Studies, presenting on India

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

CU Argentina, Brazil and Australia Room 8010

★ This international panel will explore understanding and measurement of homelessness in Argentina, Brazil and Australia.

Presenters

Moderator: **Volker Busch-Geertsema**, GISS Bremen

Griselda Palleres, University of Buenos Aires, on Argentina

Silvia Schor, University of São Paulo, on Brazil

Guy Johnson, Centre of Applied Social Research at RMIT University, on Australia

IP Building the movement Room 8002

Note: This session is open only to those who signed up in advance.

Let's get to work! In this highly interactive session, we want your help to imagine and design potential models for a global movement to end homelessness. We especially want to think through together the roles that local, regional and global institutions should play.

Moderator: **Community Solutions** staff will facilitate an active strategy session where participants, rather than an expert panel, will provide input.

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Reception and happy hour

11th Floor outdoor terrace

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

8:00 - 9:00 A.M.

Continental breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 A.M.

★ Morning plenary

Room 8005

Graham Tipple, Independent Consultant, retired from the University of Newcastle, UK

9:45 - 11:15 A.M. SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS

CU Japan, Malaysia, China and Korea

Room 8010

This international panel will explore understanding and measurement of homelessness in Japan, Malaysia, China and Korea.

Presenters

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

Rayna Rusenko, Florida International University, on Japan and Malaysia

Mao-sheng Ran, University of Hong Kong, on China

Yeunsook Lee, Yonsei University, on Korea

SS Exchange forum – Europe and Latin America

Room 8009



Note: This session will be held in Spanish, but translation to English is available for those who would like to listen in.

Rather than convening a small panel of experts, this session will feature several speakers from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Spain. Participants will address specific challenges and successful approaches to tackling homelessness in their home communities. The session will conclude with attempts to organize a more continuous exchange between the two regions.

11:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

★ Lunchtime plenary: Reflections from the ground

Room 8005

In three five-minute vignettes, leaders from diverse local contexts will speak about the challenges of introducing new approaches and the role of values in their work to end homelessness.

Presenters

Jember Teferra, Birhan Social Development Training and Consultation Center – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Kerry Anthony, Depaul Ireland – Belfast, Northern Ireland

Petra Gimbad, University of Monash – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

12:00 - 12:45 P.M.

Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 P.M. SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS

CU Kazakhstan, India and the European Union

Room 8010

This international panel will explore understanding and measurement of homelessness in Kazakhstan, India and across the European Union.

Presenters

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

Aslan Tanekenov, Kazakh-British Technical University, on Kazakhstan

Ashwin Parulkar, Centre for Equity Studies, on India

Volker Busch-Geertsema, GISS Bremen, on the European Union

SS Addressing homelessness among children and youth

Room 8009



Presenters will discuss approaches to addressing homelessness among children and youth in Canada, Kenya, Mexico and Ghana. The session will pay particular attention to ways in which variations in local context guide strategies.

Presenters

Moderator: **Stephen Gaetz**, York University, Canada

Gideon Onyango, Center for Transforming Mission, Kenya

Juan Martín Pérez García, Red por los Derechos de la Infancia en México, Mexico (*translated from Spanish*)

Kwaku Oppong Asante, University of KwaZulu-Natal, speaking on Ghana

2:45 - 4:15 P.M. SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS

IP Building a global research agenda

Room 8002

Participants in this dynamic working group will take the first steps toward creating a global research agenda to better inform funders and research institutions about research questions that will help make policy and practice more effective.

Moderator: **Nan Roman**, President, the National Alliance to End Homelessness, USA

SS Global adaptation of Critical Time Intervention

Room 8010



Attendees will learn the basic elements of Critical Time Intervention, a time-limited evidence-based practice that mobilizes support for society's most vulnerable individuals. The panel will then address experiences adapting the model from the US context to Denmark and the Netherlands and general implications for adapting evidence-based models.

Presenters

Moderator: **Daniel Herman**, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College, USA

Judith Wolf, Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Center, Netherlands

Lars Benjaminsen, Danish National Centre for Social Research, Denmark

4:30 - 5:00 P.M.

★ Closing remarks

Room 8005

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. OPTIONAL AND BY SIGN-UP ONLY

Site visits to agencies working to end homelessness in Chicago

***Note:** Site visits are open only to those who signed up in advance. However if you did not sign up and are interested in one of these site visits, you may email Molly Seeley at mseeley@ighomelessness.org to inquire whether new spots have opened.*

12:00 - 1:00 P.M. OPTIONAL AND BY SIGN-UP ONLY

Lunch for site visit attendees

Inspiration Kitchens, 3504 W. Lake Street

Inspiration Kitchens is operated by Inspiration Corporation, which provides people who are affected by homelessness and poverty with employment, housing and supportive services.

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We are grateful to All Chicago and the Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness for their assistance planning the June 3 site visits to Chicago-based organizations.

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