

Journeys home: an end to rough sleeping



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Welcome

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Ten years ago the Government set out its ambition to cut rough sleeping to as close to zero as possible. We've come a long way since then. Thousands of people have made the journey away from life on the streets. Housing and support are linked, more is done to prevent homelessness and homeless people have a greater say in shaping services. Other countries look to the UK to learn from our experience. But we can do better.

Despite great progress not everyone has 'come in from the cold'. There's a new national debate about deep and chronic exclusion. We know that people with multiple needs are at greatest risk of sleeping rough. They need personalised, holistic solutions that build on their aspirations and sense of self. This is a radical challenge to services and to commissioners.

It's time for a new focus and drive. As part of our campaign to end homelessness, we've called for an end to rough sleeping by 2012. This will need really effective prevention, as well as clear pathways through services and on to independence.

This is the moment to take stock of the distance travelled over the last decade and prepare for the journeys ahead.

Journeys home is essential for everyone who wants to tackle homelessness in all its forms. In the plenaries, discussions, workshops and networking we'll debate what has succeeded, showcase what is working now and consider what has to change.

Journeys home will be packed with thought provoking sessions. Speakers from Government and Opposition will set out their plans. Sector innovators will explain new approaches that deliver real results. If you want to know what the future will hold, if you want to play your part in ending homelessness, this is the place to be.



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Programme - Day 1 (Wednesday 11 July)

09.30	Arrival and registration	13.00	Lunch
10.00	Welcome and introduction Jenny Edwards, Chief Executive, Homeless Link	14.00	Afternoon mini-plenaries/ workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Does enforcement work?● Housing and drugs: learning from the 'Clean Break' project● Making the best use of the private rented sector● Next steps in ending rough sleeping● Good practice in employing service users in homelessness services● Sexuality and homelessness
10.20	Government agenda on homelessness The Rt Hon Ruth Kelly MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (invited)		
	Q&As		
11.30	Morning break	15.15	Afternoon break
11.45	Morning mini-plenaries/ workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Involvement in and review of local homelessness strategies● Understanding the new guidance on rough sleeping counts● Education and training for homeless people● A strategic approach to move on● Understanding the new NHS● Winning Supporting People contracts● Visit to Birmingham project	15.30	'What's changed in the last ten years?' (interviews, discussions and Q&A) Chair: Simon Wilson, Homeless Link Chair
		16.30	Close of conference
		18.30	Homeless Link's AGM
		19.00	Conference dinner

Programme - Day 2 (Thursday 12 July)

09.30	Arrival and registration	13.00	Lunch
10.00	Welcome and introduction Jenny Edwards, Chief Executive, Homeless Link	14.00	Afternoon mini-plenaries/ workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">● What you need to know about Local Area Agreements● Resettlement for older homeless people● Engaging women with multiple complex needs: the link between homelessness and sex work● Using psychological interventions in homelessness services● Working with people in prisons - preventing homelessness of ex-offenders● Understanding the Government's 'places of change' agenda
10.10	'Looking forward: what next for homelessness?' (panel discussion and Q&A) Greg Clark MP, Shadow Minister for Charities, Voluntary Bodies and Social Enterprise (invited)		
11.30	Morning break	15.15	Afternoon break
11.45	Morning mini-plenaries/ workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Understanding the Government's 'Adults facing Chronic Exclusion' programme● Good practice in addressing rural homelessness● Developing sports programmes for homeless people● Good practice in street outreach● Working with nationals from new EU countries● Why service user engagement works	15.30	Closing session (discussions and Q&A)
		16.00	Close of conference

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Please complete in black ink and BLOCK CAPITALS. Please photocopy and complete one form per delegate. This form can be downloaded from www.homeless.org.uk/events.

Personal details

Name Job title

Organisation

Address

Post code

Tel Fax

Email (required for email confirmation)

Fees and payment

	11th and 12th, inc overnight stay on 11th	11th only	12th only	11th and 12th, no overnight stay
Non-members	£349 <input type="checkbox"/>	£249 <input type="checkbox"/>	£249 <input type="checkbox"/>	£299 <input type="checkbox"/>
Members (Band D-G)	£249 <input type="checkbox"/>	£139 <input type="checkbox"/>	£139 <input type="checkbox"/>	£199 <input type="checkbox"/>
Members (Band A-C)	£209 <input type="checkbox"/>	£109 <input type="checkbox"/>	£109 <input type="checkbox"/>	£149 <input type="checkbox"/>

Tick here if you require dinner and accommodation on 10 July, which will incur an additional charge of £40 per person.

If the above options don't fit your requirements and/or for multiple bookings, please call 020 7960 3032. To check your banding or whether your organisation is a member please ring 020 7960 3040 or email membership@homelesslink.org.uk.

TOTAL FEE £

- I enclose a cheque made payable to Homeless Link
- Please invoice me
- I wish to pay by credit card (Please go to www.homeless.org.uk/events)

Mini-plenaries/workshop bookings

You will be provided with information about booking mini-plenaries/workshops at a later date.

Dietary or other requirements (please state below)

I have read and agree with the terms and conditions and data protection statement (please see page overleaf)

Signed Date

Please fax completed form to 020 7960 3011 or send to Events, Homeless Link, First Floor, 10-13 Rushworth Street, London, SE1 0RB or, if you prefer, please complete your booking form online at www.homeless.org.uk/events.

Fees and accommodation

Day delegate fees include all conference materials, lunch and refreshments on the day. Bookings which comprise an overnight stay also include dinner, accommodation and breakfast. Accommodation is situated onsite in the halls of residence and all rooms have basic ensuite facilities and are non-smoking. Accommodation is also available on the Tuesday night - please see booking form.

Session booking information

You will be provided with information about booking mini-plenaries/workshops at a later date. However, there will be a combination of mini-plenaries (sessions for a maximum of 70 people; similar to a main plenary but with a smaller group) and workshops (interactive learning sessions with some presentation, followed by discussion or questions and answers).

Further information about the mini-plenaries and workshops will be available online at www.homeless.org.uk/events.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Cancellations

Any cancellations must be received in writing. For cancellations more than 21 days before the conference, you will receive a refund less an administration fee of £50. If you cancel less than 21 days before the event, or do not attend on the day, you will be charged the full conference fee. You may transfer your place to a colleague subject to our agreement. We reserve the right to make changes or cancellations if necessary.

Data protection statement

Information submitted in the following form will be stored and processed electronically for the purposes of delivering membership services, supplying information and to enable statistical analysis. Data may be passed to other parts of the organisation, our partners or contractors operating on our behalf to enable this to take place. If you have any questions about how the information will be used, please ring 020 7960 3010.

Start saving, join Homeless Link now

If you are thinking about attending our annual conference, but are not already a member of Homeless Link, call us first on 020 7960 3040 or email membership@homelesslink.org.uk - you could save up to £140 per delegate on your registration fee.

By joining Homeless Link you can start saving immediately by taking advantage of the special membership rate for attending the conference. The saving in itself could pay for your first year of membership.

There are many other benefits of joining Homeless Link:

- involvement in consultation on Government policy
- invitations to meetings and events
- monthly news mailings and regular policy briefings
- networking opportunities
- free subscription to our quarterly magazine, Connect
- members-only access to information and postings on our web site
- substantial discounts on training, conferences and publications.

Membership of Homeless Link is your chance to take advantage of these benefits and make your voice heard in the sector.

Membership starts from as little as £42, and our fee structure makes us affordable to organisations of all sizes.

Hundreds of organisations and individuals are already members of Homeless Link. We would like you to join us.

Sign up online at www.homeless.org.uk/join and quote reference I/05/07 or call 020 7960 3040.

Featuring:

- debate and interaction with senior Government officials
- streamed programme of workshops tailored to meet your requirements
- social and cultural programme to complement the main programme.

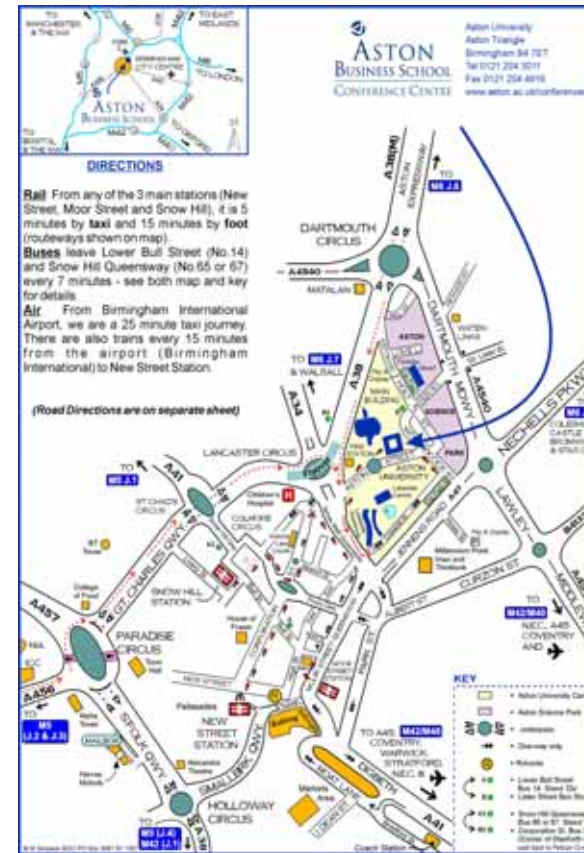
With opportunities for networking and sharing local issues and problems.

Promoting your organisation:

If you would like to exhibit at this event or have an insert in the delegate pack, please contact events on 020 7960 3032 or email events@homelesslink.org.uk.

Venue

Journeys home: an end to rough sleeping takes place at Aston Business School, Birmingham.



Aston Business School Conference Centre is the flagship year round residential venue for conferences, training, and corporate events, within the Conference Aston Portfolio. It has extensive residential and non-residential conference facilities located in the centre of Birmingham and is a conducive learning environment for achieving our conference objectives.

The Business School is easily accessible from all parts of the UK situated just 10 minutes from Junction 6 off the M6 and either a taxi ride away or just 15 minutes on foot from the main Birmingham stations.

Frontline and management training at Homeless Link:

Homeless Link specialises in equipping you and your staff with the right skills for work in the homelessness and related sectors. See www.homeless.org.uk/training for full details and special offers, or call 020 7960 3030 for your free brochure.