

## *Housing First for Youth*

### *Building key partnerships for successful HF4Y programmes and preventing youth homelessness*

**Monday 18 November 2024, Dublin Castle, Dublin, 1:30 - 4:45**

(Casual lunch from 12:30 - 1:30 - register by contacting: [samara.jones@housingfirsteurope.eu](mailto:samara.jones@housingfirsteurope.eu))

This half-day workshop will be led by HF4Y experts from Ireland, Scotland and Canada. Reflecting on the growing evidence base for HF4Y's success as a programme and an approach, this session will shine a spotlight on:

#### **Drawing on International practice experience of HF4Y delivery to upscale effective services (75 - 90 min)**

*Cluid Housing* and *Focus Ireland* will share their journey of bringing together their own experiences and international practice to respond to the delivery of a youth housing pilot project "SHY - Supported Housing For Youth". *Rock Trust* will share their experience of working with a long-time social housing partner - *Almond Housing Association* - and building new relationships in other cities.

#### *Invited speakers include:*

- *Lisa O'Brien - Focus Ireland (Chair or moderate or speak)*
- *Cluid Housing*
- *Kate Polson - Chief Executive, Rock Trust*

#### **Housing First for Youth and Preventing Youth Homelessness in Canada and Beyond (60 min)**

How can we continue to build on the evidence base of Housing First for Youth to advocate for effective prevention of youth homelessness with partners across key sectors like education, child welfare systems, and housing? What can we learn from recent and ongoing work from Canada and European HF4Y experiences?

#### *Confirmed speakers include:*

- *Dr. Stephen Gaetz, Canadian Observatory on Homelessness*
- *Melanie Redman, CEO and founder, A Way Home Canada*
- *Samara Jones - Coordinator, Housing First Europe Hub*

#### **Anchoring Housing First for Youth with Family and Natural Supports (60 min)**

Building effective family and natural supports work into the HF4Y approach to ensure successful outcomes for all.

#### *Confirmed speakers include:*

- *Heidi Walter, A Way Home Canada*

For more information, please contact our Programme Coordinator:

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