

Housing First for Youth

Building key partnerships for successful HF4Y programmes and preventing youth homelessness

Monday 18 November 2024

1:30 - 4:45

(casual lunch from 12:00 - 13:15)

Dublin Castle, Dublin Pre-conference workshop (free)

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.

- **Speakers:**
David Bradford and Clare Austick - Cluid Housing
Kate Polson - Chief Executive, Rock Trust
Lisa O'Brien - Focus Ireland - moderator

- **Housing First for Youth and Preventing Youth Homelessness in Canada and Beyond (60 - 90 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?

- **Speakers:**
Dr. Stephen Gaetz, Canadian Observatory on Homelessness
Melanie Redman, CEO and founder, A Way Home Canada
Karen McAllister, Simon Community, Northern Ireland
Samara Jones - Coordinator, Housing First Europe Hub

- **Housing First for Youth Community of practice (60 min)**
Exchanges and discussions amongst HF4Y practitioners and newcomers.

Facilitated by Laura Young and Samara Jones