

Glasgow's Annual Homelessness Conference

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The Conference

Glasgow has traditionally seen the highest level of homelessness in Scotland, thought to be due to the size of the city and our levels of multiple deprivation and poverty. Unemployment, deprivation, mental and physical health, crime and domestic abuse are all known to increase in economic recession. All are also known trigger factors for homelessness with a 'lag effect' of approximately 18-24 months predicted.

In this challenging social and economic climate, and with the 2012 target just over a year away, there is a weight of responsibility on all partners to protect the investment that Glasgow has made in tackling homelessness.

There is also a weight of responsibility to make the best possible use of resources that are available, to ensure that our next steps in tackling homelessness are authentically progressive and build from learning and change.

Last year's conference - the Big Questions - identified that there remains a number of challenges, often familiar and recurring challenges, that need to be addressed in order to prevent homelessness and meet the needs of individuals and families who are affected by it.

This years conference - *Fresh Ideas* - explores some exciting new developments that have emerged from a range of different interests. These developments offer change and the potential to start tackling some of the Big Questions about homelessness in our city and in our communities.

How it works...

Each *Fresh Idea* is introduced by a speaker who will brief the conference on their theme. The speaker will end their short briefing with a question for your roundtable to discuss and debate. Your roundtable will also arrive at an agreed question or comment for the Q&A Panel at the end of the day.

As each development is new and emerging (in a Glasgow context), *Fresh Ideas* offers delegates a participative opportunity to hear more and inform and influence how each development embeds.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Glasgow's 16th Annual Homelessness Conference.

The Programme

09.15 - 09.45:  REGISTRATION & COFFEE

09.45 - 10.00: **CIVIC RECEPTION & CONFERENCE OPENING**
Councillor Matthew Kerr - Executive Member for Social Care, GCC (*tbc*)
Conference Chair - Jim Strang, CEO, Parkhead Housing Association and Chair of the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) in Scotland

10.00 - 10.15: **THE CURRENT CONTEXT**
Susanne Millar - Head of Practice Audit/Children & Families, GCC

10.15 - 11.00: **FRESH IDEA ①**
Damian McGowan - Managing Director, Gowrie Care Limited
A Mandate and an Audit •

11.00 - 11.15:  REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITIONS

11.15 - 12.00: **FRESH IDEA ②**
Marion Gibbs - Homelessness Team Leader, Scottish Government
Housing Options •

12.00 - 12.45: **FRESH IDEA ③**
Prof Suzanne Fitzpatrick - Professor of Housing, Heriot-Watt University
Dr Sarah Johnsen - Senior Research Fellow, Heriot Watt University
Housing First •

12.45 - 13.45:  LUNCH & EXHIBITIONS

13.45 - 14.30: **FRESH IDEA ④**
Susan Aktemel - Director, Impact Arts
Total Homes •

14.30 - 15.15: **FRESH IDEA ⑤**
Julia Slay - Senior Researcher and Social Policy Programme Coordinator, The New Economics Foundation (NEF)
Co-Production •

15.15 - 15.30:  REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITIONS

15.30 - 16.30: **Q&A PANEL**
Shivali Fiefield - Homelessness Service Manager, Hunter Street Health & Social Care Centre, Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS
Suzanne Fitzpatrick - Professor of Housing, Heriot-Watt University
Marion Gibbs - Homelessness Team Leader, Scottish Government
Jim Kearns - Service Manager (Homelessness), Social Work Services, Glasgow City Council
Jackie Kerr - Head of Direct Services, Social Work Services, Glasgow City Council
Julia Slay (tbc) - The New Economics Foundation
Julia Slay (tbc) - Glasgow Housing Association (GHA)

16.30: **CONFERENCE CLOSE**

The Booking Form

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Position: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Please tick if you have any special access, communication or dietary requirements (specify):

We warmly welcome people with experience of homelessness, past or present, to attend this conference. If you are a service provider, please share this information.

CONFERENCE FEES (excluding VAT)

Please tick the relevant box below:

- GHN Members & SHIEN Subscribers: £ 80
- (multiple bookings of 5 people or more) £ 70
- Non-members: Voluntary & Social Enterprise sectors £ 90
- Non-members: Public & Private sectors £120
- Service Users/Unwaged (including students) £ 0

PAYMENT:

Please tick the relevant box below:

- Cheque:** I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (plus VAT @ 20%) made payable to Glasgow Homelessness Network
- Invoice:** Invoice my organisation for £ _____ (plus VAT @ 20%)

The Small Print!

To reserve your place at *fresh ideas* please **book online** at:

www.ghn.org.uk/conference2011

Or you can complete and return this form to:

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 Email: janice@ghn.org.uk

If paying via invoice, this form may also be faxed to: **0141 276 4821**

Please note that all GHN conference bookings will be confirmed by email.

CANCELLATION POLICY

We recognise that delegates may have to cancel their bookings.

If such a situation arises we would appreciate notice at your earliest convenience.

Written cancellations received 48 hours before conference: No charge

Non-attendance: 100% charge

