

Rough Sleeping Conference 2025: From Crisis to Prevention

Monday 24th March 2025, 10am-4.30pm

Programme

10.00am Chair's welcome and ministerial address

- Chair: Rick Henderson, CEO, Homeless Link
- Rushanara Ali MP, Minister for Homelessness and Democracy

10.25am Opening plenary: Moving from crisis to prevention

- Tom Copley, Deputy Mayor of London for Housing
- Emma Haddad, CEO of St Mungo's
- Jessica Turtle, Co-founder and Director, Museum of Homelessness

11.15am Break

11.35am Breakout session 1 – Your choice of the following sessions:

- **Data in action: Recognising the potential for effecting meaningful change**
Fraser Nicholson, Housing Strategy and Policy Manager, BCP Council
Becki Parsons, Rough Sleeping Principal, BCP Council
Sara Turner, Service Development Manager, St Mungo's
- **Preventing rough sleeping for domestic abuse survivors through a Whole Housing Approach**
Louisa Steele, Multiple Disadvantage & Homelessness Programme Manager, Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse
Amy Smith, DAHA Accreditation Manager (homelessness & supported accommodation), Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse
- **Trauma informed approaches to anti-social behaviour and begging**
Fiona Williamson, Head of Services, Simon Community Scotland
Richard Kerr, Support worker, Simon Community Scotland
- **Creating pet-inclusive services for those experiencing homelessness with a pet**
Collette Sheaff, Head of Marketing & Fundraising, StreetVet
Laura Sayer, Hostel Manager, StreetVet
Natasha Davies, CEO, Jimmy's Cambridge

- **How to successfully house rough sleepers in private rented sector**
Robert Payne, Director of Homeless Services, HOPE worldwide
Daniela Ngugi, Housing Support Worker, HOPE worldwide
Gemma Thapermall, Senior Caseworker, Glass Door Homeless Charity
- **Rough sleeping support in rural areas**
Will Neville, Rough Sleeper Outreach Team Lead, Herefordshire Council

12.35pm Lunch

1.30pm **Breakout session 2 – Your choice of the following sessions:**

- **Support to NRPF Migrants**
Duncan McAuley, CEO, Action Foundation
Bridget Young, Director, NACCOM
- **Empowering complex individuals: Boundaried care with dignity for all**
Kirstie Cook, CEO, Kings Arms Project
- **Looking after yourself: Vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue and burnout**
Emma Ulysses, Associate, Homeless Link
- **Co-production in developing a local homelessness strategy**
Amanda Hadfield, Commissioning Manager, Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Vicky Millns, Commissioning Officer, Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Darren Murinas, CEO, Expert Citizens
Sophia Fedorowicz, Research and Evaluator, Expert Citizens
- **Rough sleeping data in London - CHAIN and the Strategic Insights Tool**
Luke Oates, Programme Manager Rough Sleeping, GLA
Anna Humpleby, LOTI Data Projects Manager, London Office of Technology Innovation
Ian Canadine, Head of CHAIN, Homeless Link
- **Meeting the health needs of those sleeping rough**
Dee O'Connell, Director of Policy and Programmes, Pathway
- **Reflective Practice discussion: Should people need to visibly sleep rough to get help?**
Jo Prestidge, Head of National Practice Development, Homeless Link
Viv Griffiths, National Practice Development Project Manager, Homeless Link



2.30pm Break

2.45pm **Breakout session 3 – Your choice of the following sessions:**

- **Preventing the next generation of rough sleepers**
Chris Keating, CEO, Connection Support
Helen Pizans, Operations Manager, Connection Support
Sam Wilkin, Team Manager, Connection Support
- **Looking after yourself: Vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue and burnout**
Emma Ulysses, Associate, Homeless Link
- **Creating safer spaces: LGBTQ+ Inclusion in Homelessness Services and rough sleeping support**
Alexandra Duffy, Training Lead, Stonewall Housing
- **Preventing prison discharge to the streets**
Niki Verdenik, Strategic Housing Specialist, Maidstone BC & HM Prison & Probation Service
Natalia Merritt, Housing Advice Manager, Maidstone BC & HM Prison & Probation Service
- **Closing the equity gap in safeguarding and homelessness services**
Ellie Atkins, Senior Social Worker and Safeguarding Lead - Adult Social Care Substance misuse and entrenched rough sleeper team, Manchester City Council
- **Reflective Practice discussion: Is rough sleeping ever a lifestyle choice? Exploring the lines between choice, necessity and capacity**
Jo Prestidge, Head of National Practice Development, Homeless Link
Viv Griffiths, National Practice Development Project Manager, Homeless Link
- **Have your say: Homeless Link's response to the Supported Housing Accommodation Regulations consultation**
Alex Worrell, Policy Manager, Homeless Link
Sophie Boobis, Head of Policy and Research, Homeless Link

3.45pm (Switch rooms to the Waterloo Suite)

3.45-4.30pm **Fireside chat with Mark Horvath, Founder and CEO of Invisible People**

As the founder of Invisible People, a nonprofit utilizing video storytelling and journalism, Mark sheds light on homelessness, reaching millions every month. Mark will talk about his path in and out of homelessness, the creation of Invisible People, and what he thinks is needed to move towards an end to street homelessness.

4.30pm **Close of conference**