

Rough Sleeping Conference 2024 – Online

Programme

- 10.00am** **Opening plenary - A troubling picture: Exploring the ongoing increase in rough sleeping**
- Chair: Pete Smith, Director of Sector Development, Homeless Link
 - Matt Downie, CEO, Crisis
 - Naushabah Khan, Director of Policy and Communications, St Mungos
- 10.55am Break
- 11.05am** **Breakout session 1 – Your choice of the following sessions:**
- **Rural Rough Sleeping: An underestimated challenge**
Rory Weal, Strategic Policy Lead - Rural Homelessness, English Rural
Will Neville, Rough Sleeper Outreach Team Lead, Herefordshire Council
 - **Night shelter transformation: Building back stronger**
Isabella Harriss, Best Practice & Innovation Manager, Housing Justice
Elle Warren-Davis, Managing Director, Derby City Mission
Tom Neumark, CEO and Zisca Burton, Volunteer Coordinator, 999 Club
 - **Empowering recovery: Navigating severe and multiple disadvantage through non-conditional support**
Rob Fenwick, Navigator Project Lead, Exeter City Council
Lauren Beazer, Mental Health Social Worker, NHS
 - **Homelessness and inclusion health: Ensuring easy access**
Jane Cook, Complex Case Manager - Homeless Health Peer Advocacy (HHPA), and Peer Advocate representative (tbc), Groundswell
Neal McArdle, Head of Learning and Training, Providence Row
 - **Adult safeguarding: Preventing and learning from rough sleeping deaths**
Gill Taylor, Independent Homelessness, Inclusion Health & Safeguarding Consultant
Harpal Bath, Head of Multiple Disadvantage, Birmingham Voluntary Service Council
Ailish Whitehouse, RSI Programme Lead, Birmingham Voluntary Service Council
- 12.15pm Lunch
- 1.00pm **Post lunch plenary – Your choice of the following sessions:**
- **Getting the full picture: Using data to help end rough sleeping**
Chair: Matt Harrison, Deputy CEO, Homeless Link

Viv Griffiths, National Practice Development Manager, Homeless Link
Rob Anderson, Director of Knowledge Implementation, CHI
Ellie Greenhalgh, Women's Rough Sleeping Policy Manager, Solace

- **Meeting the need for refugees experiencing homelessness**

Chair: Fiona Colley, Director of Social Change, Homeless Link
Enver Solomon, CEO, Refugee Council
Refugees at Home (tbc)
Crisis Brent Skylight (tbc)

2.00pm Break

2.10pm Breakout session 2 – Your choice of the following sessions:

- **Launch of Homeless Link's Partnership Self-Assessment Framework and Toolkit**

Tom Preest, Head of Rough Sleeping Adviser Team, DLUHC
Damian Taylor, Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network
Homeless Link Partnerships team

- **Support not punishment: Preventing the criminalisation of people sleeping rough**

Eleanor Watts, Area Manager, Riverside
Dave Fisher, Police Officer on the Street Engagement Team, Greater Manchester Police
Sarah Duckett, Anti Social Behaviour Team Manager, Manchester City Council
Kerry Owen, Programme Lead, CGL

- **Substance use and harm reduction**

Niall Read, Head of Operations, Turning Tides
Dee Cunniffe, Policy Lead, London Joint Working Group on Substance Use and Hepatitis C

- **Providing gender informed outreach**

Lucy Campbell, Head of Multiple Disadvantage, Single Homeless Project
Peter Piercy, Islington Council

3.20pm Break

3.30-4.30pm Closing plenary – Learning from abroad

- Chair: Pete Smith, Director of Sector Development, Homeless Link
- Katie Dalton, CEO, Cymorth Cymru
- Tim Richter, CEO, Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness