



World Homeless Day 10 October
www.worldhomelessday.org

- On Wed 10 October 2018 people around the world will mark **World Homeless Day** in many varied ways and change the lives of homeless people in their local community.
- The purpose of World Homeless Day is to draw attention to homeless people's needs locally and provide opportunities for the community to get involved in responding to homelessness, while taking advantage of the stage an 'international day' provides.
- How To Make a Difference
 - educate people about homeless issues
 - celebrate and support local good works
 - highlight local issues

Christian responses to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Homelessness: How are Churches helping?

Eradication of poverty is the first of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Homelessness is both a cause and result of poverty, and its reduction is a key factor in eliminating poverty across Europe

*Roger Mills
February 2018*



SDG1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Poverty > Homelessness



- a complex relationship
- The SDGs do not address homelessness directly
- Why?
- A Western problem?
- Extreme poverty is a reality in Europe, manifest in persistent and increasing homelessness
- Several SDGs are unattainable without the eradication of homelessness

In Falmouth

- Falmouth Town Council
- Devon and Cornwall Police
- St Petroc's
- Salvation Army
- Falmouth and Penryn Churches Together

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Together

- YMCA is joining forces with 18 other charities to end rough sleeping and homelessness.
- Thousands of young people all over the country are homeless and living on the edge.
- Every day these young people feel unsafe, vulnerable and are in terrible danger of assault, abuse, hunger and illness. But there's a way to help thousands of young people who are on our streets: Join our **Rooms Revolution** and sponsor a YMCA room today.
- A staple part of our fundraising since 2010, **Sleep Easy** has seen more than 6,000 people sleep rough to raise more than £1m for local YMCA services that help young people rebuild their lives.
- YMCAs are asking supporters to sleep out, so others don't have to, by taking part in special Sleep Easy events all over England and Wales.

SDG1: Eradicating poverty in all its forms

- Addressing homelessness is essential to the first target of eradicating extreme poverty (SDG 1.1) in persistent and increasing homelessness.



- SDG1 includes the target of reducing by at least half the proportion of people living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions (SDG 1.2). Lacking a decent home is a dimension of poverty, and many Member States monitor it as such.
- Implementing nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, and achieving substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable (SDG1.3) necessitates plugging the gaps that allow people to slip into homelessness.

SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



- Housing is a social determinant of health. Homelessness is associated with ill-health and dramatically lower than average life expectancy. Lack of decent housing is an important priority for tackling mortality related to non-communicable diseases and mental health issues (SDG 3.4)
- Homeless people are also more likely than most of the EU population to experience communicable diseases (SDG 3.3).
- Homeless people are a key target group for the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol (SDG 3.5).
- Homeless people are 3 times more likely than the general population to die in road traffic accidents (SDG 3.6)
- Those without an adequate home face barriers to healthcare, which need to be addressed to ensure access to coverage, health care services and essential medicine for all (SDG 3.8).

Depaul UK
www.uk.depaulcharity.org



- Depaul UK provides emergency accommodation in warm and safe houses across the UK.
- The Depaul Group is inspired by the values of Saint Vincent de Paul, a major social reformer in 17th Century France.
- We currently operate in the UK, France, Ireland, Slovakia, Ukraine and USA.
- **This Lent, walk with homeless young people through 'Forty Nights of Nightstop'.**
- Just £15 provides a safe night for a young person, paying a volunteer Nightstop host the expenses to cover a hot, home-cooked meal, hospitality and a bath or shower.
- Challenge yourself personally, take on the challenge in a small group or get your whole church involved.

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Church Housing Trust | Rebuilding Broken Lives

www.churchhousingtrust.org.uk/



- *Church Housing Trust* is a charity dedicated to the rehabilitation and resettlement of homeless people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Church Housing Trust helps people without a home to rebuild their lives. It takes a huge amount of support to make the journey from sleeping rough to establishing a home. In the supported living schemes that we fund, the four key areas of support are advice services; meaningful activities, such as art, sports, gardening, and informal learning; Education, Training and Employment; and resettlement services.
- [How to Help Homeless People : A guide for clergy, staff and parishioners](#)

SDG 11: Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



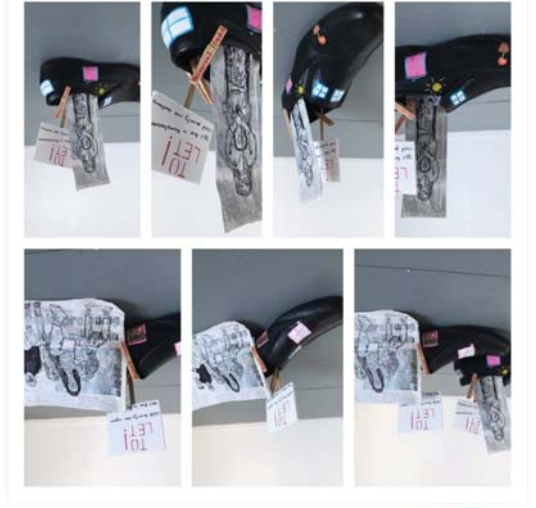
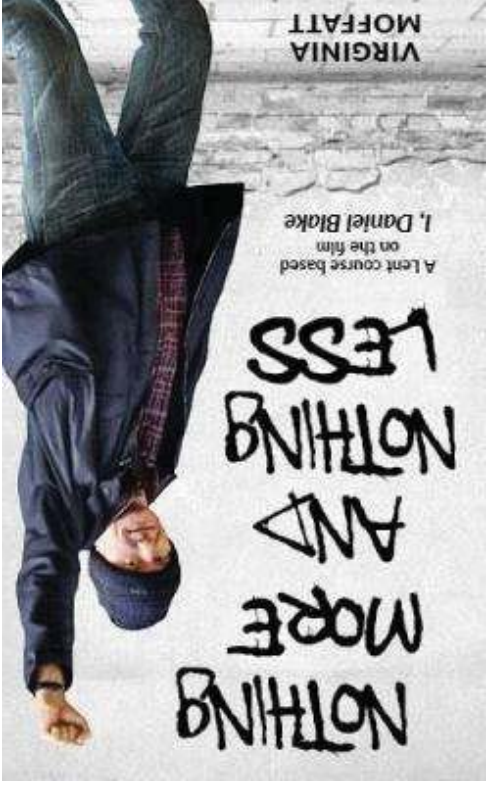
- SDG11 includes ensuring access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing (SDG11.1). By definition, this includes preventing and addressing homelessness

In the EU (2015)



- Being at risk of poverty can have a severe impact on a person's ability to meet their basic needs such as afford adequate housing, keep their home adequately warm or receive medical treatment when needed.

- In the EU, people living below the poverty threshold were over seven times more likely to suffer from *housing cost overburden* than people living above the poverty threshold.
- In 2015, 39.2 % of poor people spent more than 40 % of their disposable income on housing, compared to 5.4 % of people above the poverty threshold. Overall, 11.3 % of the EU population was 'overburdened' by housing costs in 2015. This was a 0.6 percentage point increase on the 2010 level



Today is Church action on poverty and as part of this day of action I am highlighting homelessness & poverty with new art on display in the millionaires playground that is Lytham. #art #poverty #homelessness #Blackpool
 @DapperArtist
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Church Action on Poverty – local groups

If you're keen to start a new group in your area, we can...

- help you to contact other local churches and supporters;
- provide resources for you to use;
- provide advice, mentoring and support - over the phone or by coming to visit you;
- put you in touch with other local groups so you can share ideas.
- Even if you're not ready to form a local group, there are other ways you can spark some local action on poverty issues...

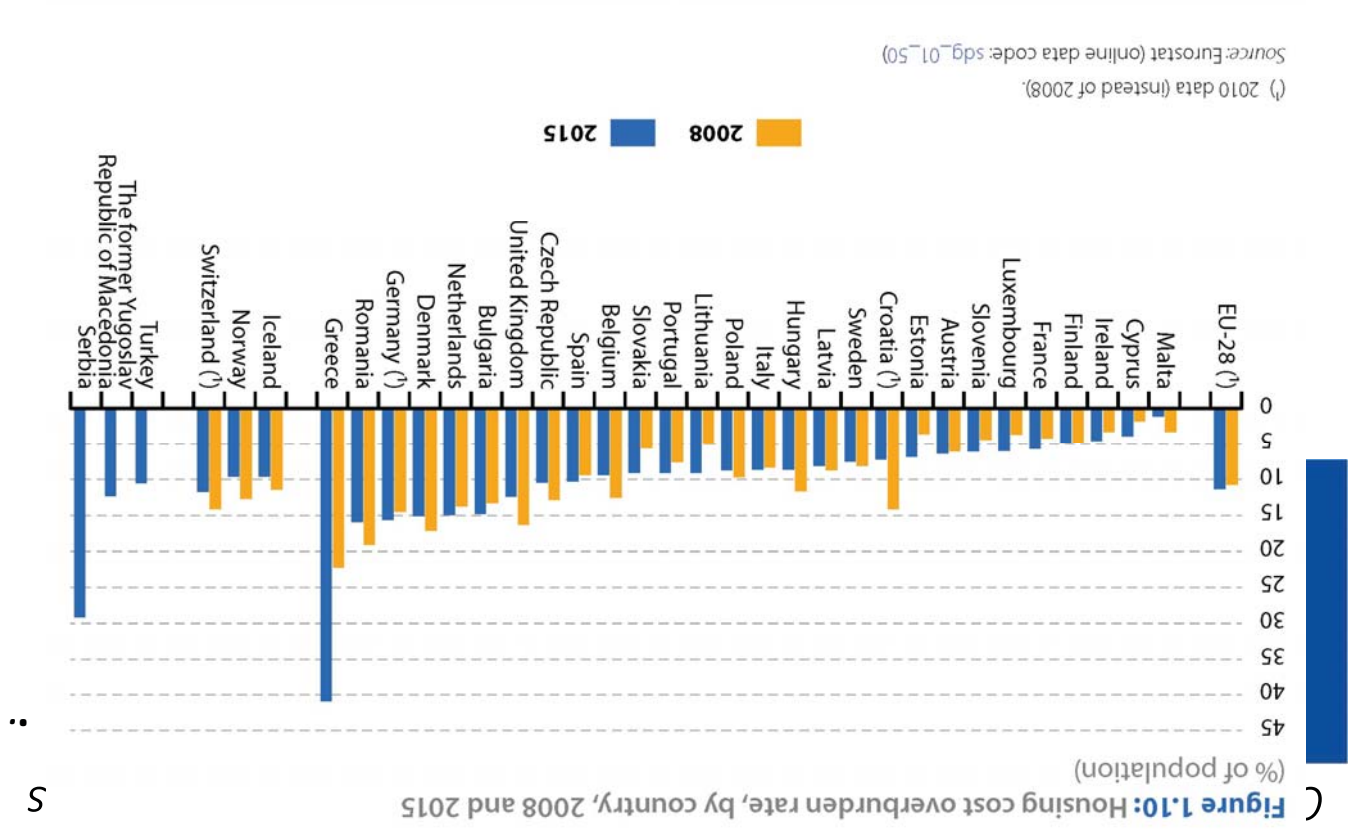
Plan a service on Church Action on Poverty [Sunday](#)

Get a food bank to pledge to End Hunger

Run workshops or discussion sessions

Plan an event like a Pilgrimage or a civic breakfast

• To find out more about all of these ideas, just [download our local action guide](#).





FEANTSA European Federation of
National Organisations working with
the Homeless <http://www.feantsa.org>

- Preventing and tackling homelessness must be a cornerstone of the EU's response to the sustainability challenge. At the heart of the 2030 Agenda is a *pledge to leave no-one behind*.
- This means delivering for everyone, making special efforts to reach the poorest and most vulnerable. Individual MS and the EU as a whole should take this historic opportunity for positive action to prevent and tackle homelessness.
- How can we look forward to a future without poverty when hundreds of thousands of people within the EU face homelessness every day?

Church Action on Poverty

www.church-poverty.org.uk/



- Church Action on Poverty is an ecumenical charity dedicated to tackling the root causes of poverty in the UK. We have a vision of a fairer society with a narrower gap between rich and poor.
- Church Action on Poverty Sunday, 11 February 2018

Homeless Sunday



- Each year Housing Justice join our sister organisation Scottish Churches Housing Action in organising Homeless Sunday. 2018's event : Sunday 28th January.
- Homeless Sunday is a chance for Churches and Christian groups from across the country join together to pray, reflect and plan practical action on homelessness, but also for a united christian voice to offer solidarity and be a prophetic voice for change.

Measurement

Mark McGreevy, Depaul International, 31 Jan 2018

- Stats gathered differently or not at all
- The last global guesstimate of street homelessness came in 2001 from the UN Human Settlements Program, which suggested that 100 million people have no access to housing in any shape or form. In truth, we just don't know — but it's likely the figure is much higher than that.
- What does that lack of a focus on accurate data say about the importance of this issue in global debates? How can you begin to solve or advocate for a problem if you can't measure it? How do you know if it's getting better or worse? If the street homelessness sector was as connected and as organized as the bird watching world might street homelessness have the same high profile as health, hunger, education or environment?

A Systematic Approach to Eliminating Homelessness

- We know from discussions with the statistical commission at the UN that it is possible to lobby to make the measurement of street homelessness part of information gathered in every country within the UN community as a measurable indicator within the present SDGs. We also know that by doing this we would have a very crude lever to hold many countries to account for the first time. However, it is going to take time and a concerted effort by all who are passionate about this if it is going to happen.
- One of the reasons given as to why we don't measure street homelessness globally currently is that it's just too difficult given the fact definitions of homelessness differ from country to country. It's impossible to compare apples and pears.

Housing Justice Church and Community Night Shelter Network

- During winter 2016/17 more people than ever before were forced to use church and community night shelters , according to research published by housing and homelessness charity Housing Justice today.
- Projects in the *Housing Justice Church and Community Night Shelter Network* provided emergency accommodation to almost three thousand (**2923**) people experiencing homelessness during the winter of 2016/17, an increase of 53% on the previous year's figure (and double the number of people receiving support in 2012).
- 11th December, 2017



- *Housing Justice* is the national voice of Christian action to prevent homelessness and bad housing.
- Housing Justice was created in 2003 when CHAS (Catholic Housing Aid Society) and CNHC (Churches' National Housing Coalition) merged. In January 2006 Housing Justice expanded further when it merged with UNLEASH (Church Action on Homelessness in London).
- Organises Homeless Sunday (28 Jan 2018)
- Through our Faith in Affordable Housing project, we work with churches of all denominations in England and Wales to release surplus land or buildings for affordable housing

IGH Global Typology of Homelessness

- When the Institute of Global Homelessness was founded in 2015 we chose to tackle this problem head on and through a well thought through (and resourced) three stage process embracing researchers, practitioners and policy makers from 30 countries and regions across the world. The outcome was the *IGH Global Typology of Homelessness* which you can find online if you visit the IGH website. In summary, this divides homelessness into three distinct areas. a basic summary might be refugees and idps, slum dwellers and street homeless people.
- For the first time, we have a common language and a global framework which allows us to compare data and in particular – street homelessness.

Street homelessness

- Why street homelessness? Well there are already strong advocates for refugees, idps and slum dwellers, even street children in global debates but the poverty and story of the older homeless, of homeless families, of discriminated and persecuted homeless people is not heard often enough. No specific mention of them in either the Millennium Development Goals or the Sustainable Development Goals. However how can this be the case when of the 17 SDGs three cry out for the need to end homelessness.

Croydon Churches Housing Association

www.ccha.biz

- Established in 1967, half a century ago, founding members purchased CCHA's first property for families in need. Responding to the housing needs within the communities it serves, CCHA's humble beginnings saw a rise from 5 to over 1400 much needed, affordable homes across the boroughs of Bromley, Croydon, Merton and Sutton.





- The **Housing Crisis Intervention Service (HCIS)** offers housing advice, welfare benefits advice and a hostel placement service. Single people who are homeless, at risk of being homeless or with housing issues can drop-in without an appointment between 10am-1pm Monday to Friday. Because of the level of demand, the service is not also able to deal with matters over the telephone or by e-mail.
- Through the **Access Project**, KCAH is able to house up to 37 people in its nine rented houses for a period of up to two years. KCAH staff offer the tenants ongoing support with benefit claims and life skills such as budgeting and every tenant has a tailor-made Support Plan. Each tenant has their own locked bedroom and the use of shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. Some properties also have a common lounge and a garden.
- We provide a **Job Club** to help our clients find work which runs on Tuesday afternoons.
- We also provide emergency clothing, sleeping bags, backpacks, a mailbox, simple mobile phones and food for people who are living on the streets or with no home to call their own

Relevant SDGs

- The first is SDG 1 – Eradicating poverty in all its forms – admittedly poverty globally is relative but surely eradicating poverty means an end to people living on our streets.
- The second is SDG 3 – Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages. Housing is a social determinant of health and there is overwhelming evidence that homelessness is associated with ill health and dramatically lower than average life expectancy.
- Finally, SDG 11 – Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. This goal includes providing safe adequate housing for all. By definition surely this includes preventing and addressing homelessness.

Is it possible to end street homelessness?

- Is it possible to end street homelessness? No ingrained poverty is easy to overcome but yes there are some countries that point the way. Much more difficult in Africa and Africa and the other places where urbanization is gathering pace and poverty is overwhelming. However, we have to see to it that the poorest have a place of safety and security in our new and expanding cities. Without our advocacy, how will things get better.

- <https://famvin.org/en/2018/02/04/a-systemic-approach-to-eliminating-homelessness/>

**A SYSTEMIC APPROACH TO
ELIMINATING HOMELESSNESS**

Bournemouth Churches
Housing Association
www.bcha.org.uk



- Bournemouth Churches Housing Association was founded in 1968 by a number of local churches, to try to make a practical contribution to local housing problems.
- Since then, BCHA has grown from strength to strength. We are a major provider of a diverse range of housing, support and learning services for socially excluded people. Although based in Bournemouth, we currently deliver services across the South from Plymouth to Reading.

- Bournemouth Churches Housing Association Limited is a charitable registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, registered with the Financial Conduct Authority No. 18497R and with the Homes and Communities Agency No. LH0155.

Church action

For example:

- Bournemouth Churches Housing Association
- Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness
- Croydon Churches Housing Association
- Housing Justice (in association with CTBI)
- Church Action on Poverty
- Church Housing Trust
- Depaul UK
- YMCA

UK Government response

- **Government to lead national effort to end rough sleeping**
- Communities Secretary Sajid Javid has today (30 November 2017) set out details of a new Rough Sleeping Advisory Panel that will help develop a national strategy as part of the government's commitment to halve rough sleeping by 2022 and eliminate it altogether by 2027.
- This new Advisory Panel made up of homelessness experts, charities and local government, will support the Ministerial Taskforce, which brings together ministers from key departments to provide a cross-government approach to preventing rough sleeping and homelessness.
- Not yet met

'Shocking' rise in rough sleeping means Government risks breaking commitment

- Depaul UK is "extremely disappointed" by the "shocking" rise in homelessness revealed today (25 January 2018) by Government statistics which show rough sleeping has soared by 15 percent over the past year.
- The youth homelessness charity said the new data jeopardised the Government's commitment to halve rough sleeping by 2022 – and means more action is needed to tackle the crisis.
- Ian Brady, Depaul UK's interim CEO and former government advisor on homelessness, said: "It is extremely worrying that the number of people sleeping rough continues to increase, despite the Government's commitment to halve and eventually end rough sleeping."
- "Without a determined response, we risk returning to the extremely high levels of rough sleeping we saw in the 1980s and 1990s."
- "Rough sleeping has risen by 15 per cent overall and the 28 per cent rise in the number of young people sleeping rough is especially worrying."

Homeless Link Members in Cornwall

- [St Petroc's Society](#)
- [Shelter - Cornwall](#)
- [Truro Young Women's Centre](#)
- [Independent Futures - Redruth Foyer](#)
- [Turnaround Project \(Newquay\)](#)
- [Cornwall Council - Housing Services](#)
- [Cosgarne Supported Accommodation](#)
- [Independent Futures](#)
- [Coastline Homeless Service](#)
- [YMCA Cornwall - Supported Housing](#)

www.homeless.org.uk Homeless Link

- Information portal

- We are the national membership charity (c750 members) for organisations working directly with people who become homeless in England. We work to make services better and campaign for policy change that will help end homelessness.

- Support

- Research

- Statistics

- Understanding causes and impact

- [Making the Difference: the strategic plan to end homelessness 2015-2020](#)



Jeremy Corbyn announces Labour will buy every homeless person in the country a house

Daily Telegraph 28 January 2018

- Labour will buy every homeless person in the UK a house if the party is elected, Jeremy Corbyn has announced.
- Speaking on the BBC's Andrew Marr show Mr Corbyn said: "(We would) immediately purchase 8,000 properties across the country to give immediate housing to those people that are currently homeless. At the same time we would require local authorities to build far more.
- Rough sleeping in England has reached new highs, official figures out last week showed. There are now around 5,000 people living on the streets around the country, a 15 per cent rise on the same period in 2016.
- Labour also announced plans to hand over vacant Housing Association properties to homeless people, rather than to people on waiting lists.
- Mr Corbyn added that new homes built by developers and "deliberately" kept vacant would be handed over to councils to help ease pressure for housing.

What can the UK learn from how Finland solved homelessness?

The Guardian 22 March 2017

- EU housing organisation Feantsa has found every country in the EU in the midst of a [crisis of homelessness and housing exclusion](#) – with one exception: Finland.
- So how has the country done it? By giving [homeless people permanent housing](#) as soon as they become homeless, rather than muddling along with various services that may eventually result in an offer of accommodation.
- Housing First means ending homelessness instead of managing it. The basic idea is to offer permanent housing and needs-based support for homeless people instead of temporary accommodation in hostels or in emergency shelters. Permanent housing means an independent rental flat with own rental contract.
- In [Housing First](#) people do not have to earn their right to housing by proving their capability to manage their lives. Instead, they are provided with a stable home and individually tailored support.

The new idea that could help tackle homelessness in the UK

Metro 16 Dec 2017

- Some £28 million has been set aside for trials of 'Housing First' to take place in [Liverpool](#), Manchester and the West Midlands to tackle the problem.
- Housing First is a policy which offers permanent housing for homeless people, instead of temporary accommodation or homeless shelters.
- It is a policy designed to end homelessness, rather than just managing it, by giving rough sleepers a stable home.
- The move has been inspired by the model adopted by Finland nearly 10 years ago, where homelessness has been all but wiped out.