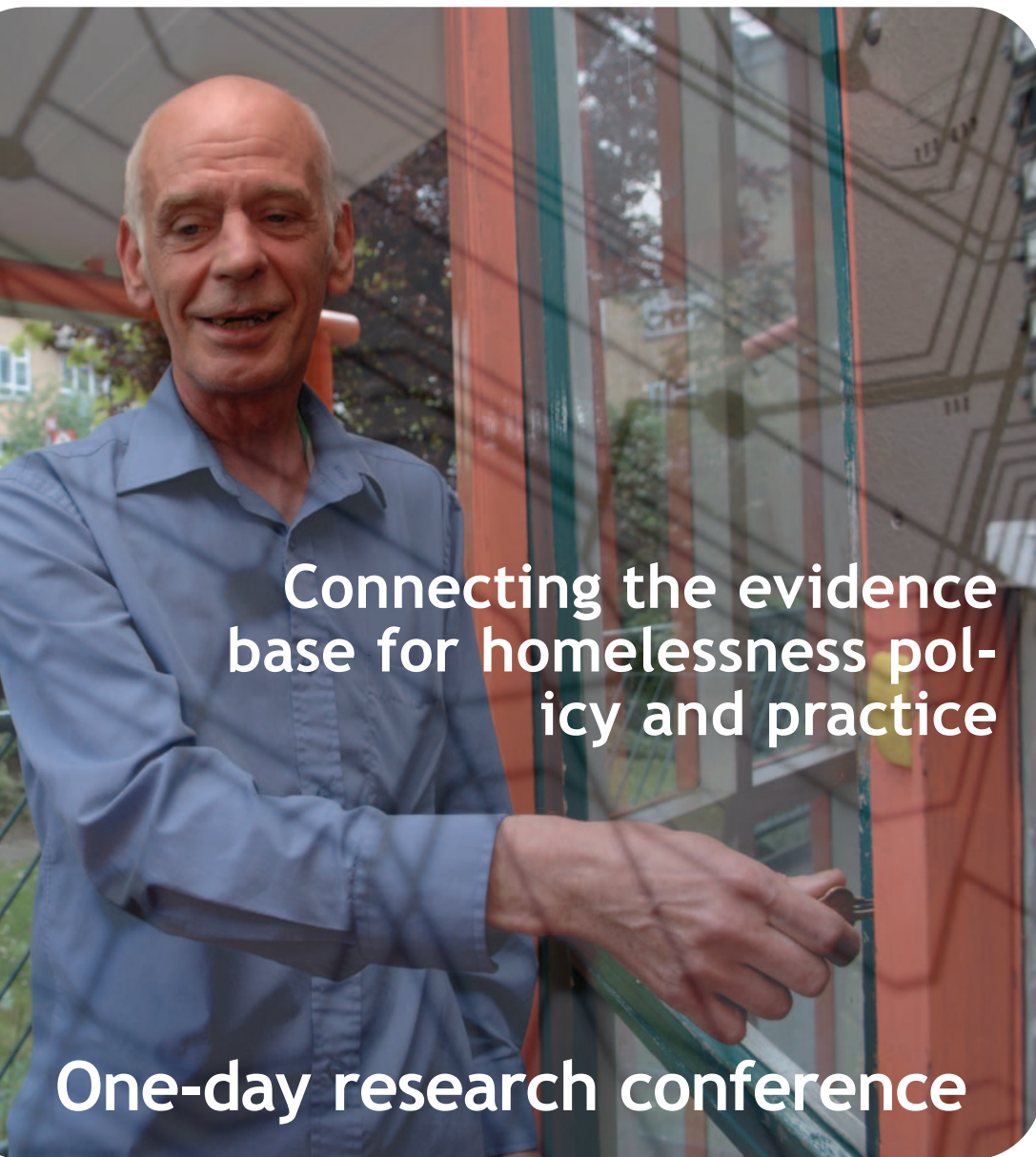


# Joining the dots



Connecting the evidence base for homelessness policy and practice

One-day research conference

CCT Venues Smithfield, London  
15 May 2008

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Frontline agencies in partnership

## Joining the dots

This conference provides a rare opportunity to pull together some of the exciting, new research that has been conducted into homelessness and related fields in recent years.

**Joining the dots** is the only conference that offers policy makers and service managers the chance to talk directly to researchers about their findings and understand, through interactive workshops, how they are relevant to their work. Getting to grips with the evidence base helps them provide the best possible services to their customers and allocate resources most effectively. At the same time, researchers have the chance to discuss and share the practical application of their work directly with those who realise change in policy and practice.

**Joining the dots** is an opportunity to:

- find out about how government uses research to inform the policy making process and what type of research they find most useful
- look at the contribution research has made to combating social exclusion and homelessness
- find out about new research findings in homelessness and related areas and their implications for policy and practice
- get practical ideas on how research can be used to inform policy and practice
- take part in a discussion about what the current evidence base tells us and where we need to move with research in the future
- network and share ideas.

For those already involved in homelessness and related research, **Joining the dots** is a key opportunity to meet other researchers working in the same field, share ideas and investigate future directions in research. For those who are new to homelessness related research, this is an excellent chance to be introduced to work in the field and to start thinking about the relevance to your work.

### Promoting your organisation or your research

If you would like to promote your organisation or your research at this event, please contact the events department to discuss the various options, on 020 7960 3032 or email [events@homelesslink.org.uk](mailto:events@homelesslink.org.uk).

# Programme

- 09.30 **Arrival, registration & tea/coffee**
- 10.00 **Welcome and introduction**  
Jenny Edwards  
Homeless Link
- 10.10 **Research and government policy - what makes an impact?**  
Jacob West  
Prime Minister's Strategy Unit
- Changing society - the role of research**  
Julia Unwin CBE  
Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- Questions and Answers**
- 11.00 **Morning break**
- 11.15 **Making research count**  
Social Exclusion Task Force
- 11.45 **Morning workshop session: 'What works'**
- **WK1:** Impact of outcomes
  - **WK2:** The right deal for homeless people
  - **WK3:** Economic impact of client involvement
  - **WK4:** Capability and Resilience among Single Homeless people
  - **WK5:** Resettlement issues faced by prisons

- 13.00 **Lunch and networking**
- 14.00 **Afternoon workshop session 'What we know'**
- **WK6:** Review of youth homelessness in the UK
  - **WK7:** SNAP (Survey of needs and provision)
  - **WK8:** Supporting People Outcomes framework
  - **WK9:** The causes, impacts and costs of homelessness for families, children and 16-17 year olds in England
  - **WK10:** Report on the Views of Homeless and Vulnerably Housed People in Exeter
- 15.15 **Afternoon break**
- 15.30 **Networking session**  
An opportunity to get together to join the dots in order that we can see how research directly feeds in to decisions on policy and best practice.
- 16.00 **Conference close**

# Workshops

Homeless Link, together with the research forum it coordinates, has been working for several years to try to establish a major academic research programme that focuses on multiple exclusion in relation to homelessness. Last year we consulted with service users, frontline agencies and policy makers on what the priorities for such a programme should be. Two broad areas of focus came out of the consultation. The first, **what we know**, involved research looking at the context of homelessness, which would help inform our policy and practice initiatives. This included looking at the relationship with other aspects of acute social exclusion, the causes of homelessness and who is responsible for tackling homelessness. The second, was finding out **what works** in tackling homelessness, to ensure that resources and effort are directed in the most effective way.

The workshops at this conference are divided between these two broad themes.

## What works:

### WK1: Impact of outcomes

Triangle Consulting's assessment of how agencies can benefit from taking an outcomes approach.

### WK2: The right deal for homeless people

OSW's research to develop the 'Right Deal' to support homeless people off benefits and into sustainable employment.

### WK3: Economic impact of client involvement

Groundswell's study of the potential benefits of client involvement: to the individual homeless person; to the organisation; and to society as a whole.

### WK4: Capability and Resilience among Single Homeless people

Crisis' qualitative research capturing homeless peoples' views on what builds their

capabilities and resilience to help them help themselves out of homelessness.

### WK5: Resettlement issues faced by prisons

Revolving Doors Agency's investigation into the availability of support for people with complex needs leaving prison.

## What we know:

### WK6: Review of youth homelessness in the UK

First review in ten years into youth homelessness, by Centrepoin and the University of York, collating the national research and statistics available, and including a series of case studies and the views of a youth consultation panel.

### WK7: SNAP (Survey of needs and provision)

RIS and Homeless Link's study pulling together available data on the extent and nature of the support services available for homeless people, how these services are funded and the support needs of clients.

### WK8: Supporting People Outcomes framework

The development and potential evidence base of the new online resource capturing outcomes in Supporting People services.

### WK9: The causes, impacts and costs of homelessness for families, children and 16-17 year olds in England

Large scale CLG funded study by the University of York to understand the routes into homelessness, the pattern of support needs and the impacts and costs of homelessness on families and children.

### WK10: Report on the Views of Homeless and Vulnerably Housed People in Exeter

University of Exeter's review of current provision and clients' views of local services commissioned by a partnership of local agencies to inform decision making and future developments.

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## Joining the dots

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Name  Job title

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### Workshop choices - Please insert 1-3 in preference order for AM & PM

AM	WK1 <input type="checkbox"/>	WK2 <input type="checkbox"/>	WK3 <input type="checkbox"/>	WK4 <input type="checkbox"/>	WK5 <input type="checkbox"/>
PM	WK6 <input type="checkbox"/>	WK7 <input type="checkbox"/>	WK8 <input type="checkbox"/>	WK9 <input type="checkbox"/>	WK10 <input type="checkbox"/>

### Fees and payment

Homeless Link band Community & A members\* £120

Homeless Link band B, C, D & E members\* £155

Non-members £275

To check whether your organisation is a member please ring 020 7960 3040

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### Dietary or other requirements (please state below)

### I have read and agree with the terms and conditions and data protection statement (see back page)

Please sign and date

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## This event will be essential for:

- researchers working within the social exclusion area
- policy makers at all levels concerned with housing and social exclusion
- chief executives and senior managers from homelessness agencies
- commissioners of homelessness services
- current and interested funders of homelessness services
- local authorities: Housing and Housing Needs Managers, Housing Strategy Officers and Homelessness Officers.