



FEANTSA's European Observatory on Homelessness

European Research Conference
Good Governance: the key to effective homelessness policies
19 September 2008

Room 300, NWO Building of the ZonMw, Laan van Nieuw Oost Indië 334, The Hague

DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 09h00 – 09h45 Registration & welcome coffee
- 09h45 – 10h00 Introduction and Welcome from **Henk Smid**, Director of Zon MW (Dutch organisation for Health Research and Development)
- 10h00 – 11h30 **Plenary Session**
Chair: **Sineke ten Horn** – Senator, First Chamber of the Dutch Parliament
- 10h00 – 10h30 **Judith Wolf** (Netherlands) Policies and Challenges in reducing homelessness in the Netherlands
- 10h30 – 11h00 **Joe Doherty** (Europe) Importance of Research to provide the Evidence for Homelessness Policies: Reflections on Homelessness Research in Europe
- 11h00 – 11h15 Discussion
- 11h15 – 11h45 Coffee
- 11h45 – 12h15 **Dennis P. Culhane** (USA) Over-view of recent developments in homelessness policies in the US
- 12h15 – 12h30 Discussion
- 12h30 – 13h45 **Lunch**

13h45 – 16h00 Workshops

Coffee during the workshop
Choose 1 workshop

4 papers 15 minute presentation and 10 minute discussion each (led by respondent)

Workshop 1: Effective strategies to combat homelessness

Addressing homelessness arising from domestic violence & how to make people who are homeless participate

Chair: Marielle Beijersbergen

Respondent: Deborah Quilgars

Papers

- 1. Gina Netto**
Effective housing interventions to address women facing domestic violence
- 2. Irene Jonker**
The profiles of battered women who attend women's shelters: A baseline study and one year follow-up.
- 3. Caroline Norman**
Homelessness and the arts: the importance of culture and participation in governance, public policy and social research
- 4. Jorgen Anker**
Organizing homeless people: Exploring the emergence of a user organization in Denmark

Workshop 2: Prevention of homelessness

Chair: Isobel Anderson

Respondent: Rina Beers

Papers

- 1. Suzanne Fitzpatrick and Volker Busch-Geertsema**
Effective Homelessness Prevention: Explaining Reductions in Homelessness in Germany and England
- 2. Nicolas Pleace**
Housing homeless people in "strong and prosperous communities": exploring a tension in English housing and welfare policy
- 3. Dennis P. Culhane**
Experiences with homeless prevention strategies in the USA
- 4. Martin Stam**
Eropaf: reduction – through boundary crossing – of house eviction and homelessness in Amsterdam.

Workshop 3: Role of public policy

Chair: Joe Doherty

Respondent: Ethan Evans

Papers

1. **Eoin O'Sullivan and Isabel Baptista**
The Role of the State in Developing Effective Homeless Strategies
2. **Lars-Erik Olsson and Marie Nordfeldt**
Homelessness and the tertiary welfare system in Sweden
3. **Carol McNaughton and Iain Atherton**
Housing First: a review of experiences
4. **Lars Benjaminsen**
The effects of housing interventions for the homeless: targeting of interventions and selection effects

16h00 – 16h30

Plenary Session

Chair: Freek Spinnewijn

Geertien Pols

Academic Collaborative Centre for Shelters & Public Mental Health in The Netherlands: a good example.

Isobel Anderson

Homelessness group of the European network of housing research: future role and activities

16h30 – 18h00

Poster Session & Reception

Posters

- 1 **Cath Boswell** (University of Wales)
- 2 **Carol McNaughton** (York University)
- 3 **Robert Aldridge** (Scottish Council for Single Homeless)
- 4 **Astrid Altena** (UMC St radboud Nijmegen)
- 5 **Mateja Nagote** (Social Protection Institute of Slovenia)
- 6 **Peter Mackie** (Shelter Cymru)
- 7 **Sylvie De Clerck** (University of Brussels)

19h00

Conference dinner

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