



## A Gendered Approach to Youth Homelessness

### Study Session Partners: FEANTSA & WHEN (Women's Homelessness in Europe Network)

**When:** 22-26 November 2021

**Where:** European Youth Centre, Budapest, Hungary.

**What:** A study session is a 5-day course, designed with the support of the Council of Europe's Youth Department. Study sessions depart from traditional courses by using non-formal education to encourage participants to share their experiences, stories and expertise on a given issue. As a participant to a study session you are an expert and will be encouraged to share your insights with colleagues from across Europe. A special attempt will be made to select participants with diverse professional and geographic backgrounds to ensure diversity in thoughts and knowledge.

This study session will be jointly designed by experts from the homelessness sector working on youth and women's homelessness, with the support of our educational advisor will be delivered in an interactive way, where you will develop relationships & partnerships with other participants.

This will be the sixth in a series of study sessions led by FEANTSA Youth.

Our study sessions have provided an opportunity for young professionals from across Europe to come together to identify key issues in tackling youth homelessness and co-develop a series of solutions. The study sessions have led to a growing and dynamic alumni network with membership from across a wide variety of fields including social work, youth work, academics, students, law, architecture, public policy (local and national civil services), NGOs and others.

The past study sessions have focused on taking a human rights approach to preventing youth homelessness while also developing and implementing an advocacy strategy aimed at raising awareness for youth homelessness among policy makers.

In November 2021 FEANTSA Youth will focus on how young women experience homelessness. The study session aims to explore the unique experience that women experiencing homelessness go through, how they navigate services, identify their needs and how services should respond.

**Key Objectives:** The objectives of this Study Session are:

- Build awareness of the needs of young women experiencing homelessness
- Understand how young women and girls navigate homeless services

- Share best practices around Psychologically Informed Environments and Trauma Informed Care to respond to experiences of gender-based violence
- Share pathways & solutions to addressing important issues such as gender, physical and emotional safety, interrelated and complex health issues, pregnancy and motherhood, sex work.

### **Who Should Apply:**

- Under 30 years old, some places are available for participants 30+
- Living in a Council of Europe member state
- Working with young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, or;
- Working with women who have experienced gender-based violence and/or experienced homelessness or;
- Previously experienced homelessness
- Able to communicate in English
- Enthusiastic, energetic and prepared to engage in non-formal education
- Willing to commit yourself after the study session in order to plan and carry out coordinated work together with other participants and share your learning in your local context.

In addition to the above criteria, applications are particularly encouraged from:

- Non-European Union Countries, while also a Council of Europe Member State

**How:** Online applications are now open and will close 6 September 2021

**Application process:** 35 participants will be selected by mid August based on:

- Motivation
- Knowledge of youth homelessness issues
- Knowledge of women's homelessness
- Knowledge of human rights-based approaches to social issues
- Geographic, gender and age balance
- Capacity to partner and work with other LGBTIQ and homeless services to implement learning.

A maximum of 2 – 3 participants will be chosen from each country

Applicants will be notified if they have been selected or not by the end of September 2021.

**Cost: Travel, accommodation and meal costs will be covered by the Council of Europe; a €50 registration fee will be charged for participants, this will be deducted from the travel expenses reimbursement**

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