

Making the Shift and International Engagement

UN Geneva Charter
Centre of Excellence


**YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION**
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**A WAY HOME
VERS UN CHEZ-SOI**

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**16th Research
Conference on
Homelessness
Bergamo**

Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence

Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence (in short: Centres of Excellence) support the Committee in the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing. They actively disseminate information on the Charter and its principles not only through publications, media, national and local events, but also through organizing capacity building and networking activities. Depending on their specialization and available expertise, the Centres of Excellence work at national and/or international level on topics covered by the Charter. They collect best practices, research, support, and/or offer training in the field of housing, sustainable smart cities, urban development, and land management.

Geneva UN Charter Centre Locations

1. Estonia
2. United Kingdom
3. Albania
4. Norway
5. Switzerland
6. Canada
7. Italy
8. Spain

“Toronto Centre of Excellence” (TCE) PRIORITY AREAS

1. Promoting the UN Charter on Sustainable Housing & the UN SDGs
2. Building an International Movement for Change
3. Developing and Implementing an International Research Agenda
4. Mobilizing Knowledge to Facilitate Impact
5. Conducting Training & Technical Assistance (TTA)

PRIORITY AREA 1

Promoting the UN Charter on Sustainable Housing & the UN SDGs



Activities may include:

- ***Map existing events and opportunities*** to leverage with the UNECE
- ***Connect with other Charter Centres*** about their work & identify opportunities (esp. with youth)
- ***Make intentional links to the Charter and SDGs*** in the TCE's activities and outputs
- ***Engage the Government of Canada*** in opportunities with the TCE and UNECE



PRIORITY AREA 2

Building an International Movement for Change

Activities may include:

- **Identify & formalize strategic partnerships** with the TCE
- **Build additional AWH Coalitions** with partners in UNECE member states
- **Grow the International Advisory Committee** to fill key gaps
- **Host/leverage conferences and events** (in-person/online/hybrid)
- **Explore opportunities with the Scholars with LivEx Network** to expand/collaborate with UNECE member states



PRIORITY AREA 3

Developing and Implementing an International Research Agenda

Activities may include:

- ***Build out TCE research priorities*** with the IAC and other strategic partners
- ***Create a strategy for Upstream International Living Lab*** with partners
- ***Continue exploring housing as a human right and youth homelessness***
 - E.g., Convene around a refresh of the “Youth Rights, Right Now” guide



PRIORITY AREA 4

Mobilizing Knowledge to Facilitate Impact

Activities may include:

- ***Develop a Communications Strategy*** to:
 - Bring clarity to the work of the TCE to our teams internally
 - Share about the work of the TCE across our networks in Canada
 - Connect with international audiences
- ***Develop a Government Relations Strategy***
- ***Explore KfW opportunities across UNECE member states***



PRIORITY AREA 5

Conducting Training & Technical Assistance (TTA)



Activities may include:

- ***Map existing TTA assets*** to identify opportunities to translate for international contexts
- ***Develop a TCE TTA Strategy*** with special focus on UNECE member states & other key international contexts



Housing First 4 Youth

Partners:



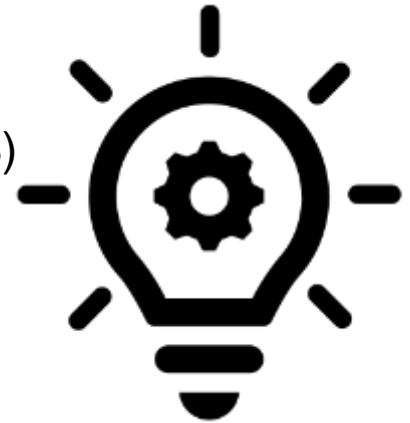
Activities:

- Training & Technical Assistance
- Research and Evaluation
- Communication Tools
 - Introductory guide to HF4Y
 - European version of Operations Manual
- Knowledge Mobilization
- Online Seminar plans
- Practice and Knowledge Sharing Sessions
- Audit of current projects, tools, strategies etc.

CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Topical events:

- Housing First for Youth Study Session with FEANTSA (Fall 2022)
- Transitions from Child Protection/Care Forum (Spring 2023)



Note: It is to be determined as to whether these events are: a) face to face, b) web-based, c) Blended

CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

General Conference

- Youth Homelessness Prevention Research Conference (Spring 2025)



Introducing....

The Global Survey on Legal Services for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Help us map existing legal services for youth experiencing homelessness around the globe by completing the survey at **ambar.org/hyln**.

For more information or questions, email Kelly.Russo@americanbar.org

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