Networking for Development 2013-2015

Supporting the Finnish National Program to Reduce Long-term Homelessness

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GOALS

• To clarify the meaning of the housing first principle and to mainstream it in homeless services in cooperation with NGOs and cities and

• To strengthen the role of NGOs in developing services for homeless people
In practice:

- Networks
- Training and study circles
- Follow-up work (feedback, evaluation, statistics)
- Work models, good practices, experimental projects!

Housing-related social work: cost-effectiveness and impact on social welfare
Cooperation in developmental work and mainstreaming the housing first-practices

- Community work, neighborhood work and outreach work
  - Helsinki Deaconess Institute
- Outreach work and housing solutions for the most vulnerable homeless people, social rehabilitation
  - The Finnish Blue Ribbon
- Participation and inclusion of people experiencing homelessness,
  - No Fixed Abode NGO
- Support services at home
  - Street Mission in Rauma Region (RSKL)
- Scattered housing, housing production and expertise in leasing
  - Y-Foundation
- Work models in different cities, cooperation in training
  - Cities in PAAVO program
- Other PAAVO-networks
  - Young people / Youth Housing Association
  - Released prisoners / Criminal Sanctions Agency, Krits (ngo)
  - Housing Advice / The Housing Finance and Development Centre of Finland
  - Mental health / Ministry of Environment
  - Immigrants / The Finnish Refugee Council (ngo)
Challenges

• What does housing-related social work include?
• Values and attitudes?
• Transforming professionalism?
• Leadership in the change process?
• Mutual learning – sharing the expertise?
• Service structures?
We offer:

• Current knowledge: what happens in homeless services in Finland
• Information about good practices: don’t reinvent the wheel!
• Training and opportunities for joint development
  – National
  – Regional
  – Local
• Consultation in service development
• Tools for follow-up work and evaluation
• Project visits
• Peer group visits
• International networks

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We expect:

- Mutual sharing of expertize and experience
- Possibilities to take part in the development process
- Cooperation in arranging educational events
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