

PREVENTING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS: The National Conference

6 February 2025
Coventry Building Society Arena



AGENDA

08.30	Registration and Breakfast	Dhillon's Lounge
09.00	Upstream Australia (Associate Professor David MacKenzie and Dr Tammy Hand)	
09:30	Registration and Refreshments	The Coventry Lounge
10:00	Opening Plenary with Aimee, Expert by Experience	
10.10	Setting the Context: Balbir Chatrik, Director of Policy and Prevention, Centrepont	
10.20	Robi Walters, Internationally Acclaimed Artist and Homelessness Ambassador	
10:50	Breakout Options:	
	1. MHCLG Update on Youth Homelessness Prevention (MHCLG)	Dhillon's Lounge
	2. Upstream UK Panel: Schools Based Screening and Support to Prevent Youth Homelessness (The Rock Trust, Llamau, Cardiff University and Centrepont chaired by The Royal Foundation)	Midea Lounge
	3. Housing First for Youth: A Psychologically Informed Approach to Stopping Repeat Homelessness (Centrepont)	The Coventry Lounge
	4. Building the Path Together: A Model of Early Help (Birmingham Pathfinder)	The Boardroom
	5. Families Under Pressure: Preventing Family Breakdown and Youth Homelessness (Centrepont and Wyre Forest and South Worcestershire Nightstop and Mediation Service)	Mahou Lounge

12.00	Heidi Walter , Programme Design and Training Consultant, A Way Home Canada	
12.40	Networking Lunch: Group 1- Dhillon's Lounge Group 2- Midea Lounge Group 3- The Coventry Lounge	
13:40	Experts by Experience Panel Discussion with Addi, Aimee, Kouroufia, Shannon , hosted by BBC Radio 1 Presenter and Centrepont Prevention Ambassador Dean McCullough	
14:30	Breakout Options: 1. Working Together: DfE and MHCLG Approach to Preventing Youth Homelessness for Care Leavers 2. Educating Schools, Children and Parents out of Homelessness (London Borough of Havering) 3. The Greater Manchester Good Landlord Charter: An Ambitious New Voluntary Standard for Landlords to Raise Renting Standards for Tenants (Tenancy Dispute Service) 4. Standing Tall: Harnessing the Goodwill of the Community to Support Young People into a Home and a Job (Standing Tall)	Dhillon's Lounge The Coventry Lounge The Boardroom Mahou Lounge
15.30	Break	
15.40	Placing Schools at the Centre of Homelessness Prevention: The First Phase Evaluation of the Upstream Project in England and Scotland (Dr Nadia Ayed and Professor Suzanne Fitzpatrick, Heriot-Watt University)	
16.10	BBC Radio 1 Presenter and Centrepont Prevention Ambassador Dean McCullough	
16.25	Closing Speech: Balbir Chatrik , Director of Policy and Prevention, Centrepont	
16.30	Close	

*Please note the agenda is subject to change

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