



Gathering the threads...

Tailored support for local homelessness action

Scottish Churches Housing Action



no room for homelessness!

Preventing homelessness

This session outlines the measures that avoid people getting into the problems of homelessness.

It outlines policy and recent research into the issues; examines the local and national examples that have worked; and demonstrates the costs – financial and emotional – of tenancy failure, and makes the case for avoiding these.

By the end of the training session, we hope you will

- **Know what measures help to prevent homelessness**
- **Be clear about the policy and research context, including the Scottish Government's target for eliminating homelessness by 2012**
- **Know which organisations are involved in preventing homelessness, and their different roles**
- **Understand examples of what has worked in different parts of the UK**

The *Threads* programme starts where you are, and tailors learning to your needs. It encourages participation, and relates learning directly to the workplace. The *Preventing Homelessness* session is particularly relevant to managers and committee members.

How to stop homelessness arising in the first place

Programme outline

1. Defining prevention

How do we promote a negative – avoiding people getting into homelessness? The difference between prevention and 'gatekeeping'.

2. The Homelessness Task Force and the 2012 target

The evolution of current national strategy on homelessness; the legislation that backs it up; the timetable for introducing it; the likely impacts as it takes effect.

3. The wider context

What will be the impact on homelessness prevention of current proposals on the benefits system; the supply of affordable housing; employment and employability strategies?

4. Tenancy failure and its costs

Using case studies, this section looks at the damage to individuals of homelessness through the breakdown of a tenancy, and at the bottom-line costs to organisations.

5. What works?

Which organisations contribute to prevention; what have they done that works in practice; how can that be applied locally?

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promotes an understanding of homelessness in Scotland in churches throughout the land.

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