



NEW DIRECTIONS TO END HOMELESSNESS ...

Great to see you all again last week! We shared some of the big change that has happened since our launch meeting - including:

- Now no longer a duty on local authorities to assess if a household is intentionally homeless. That means if someone did (or didn't) do something 'deliberately' that made them homeless
- Scottish Government's decision to extend the 7-day limit in unsuitable accommodation to all household types by May 2021
- The launch of a new prevention pathway to stop care leavers becoming homeless - Rock Trust and Scottish Government
- The progress of the Housing First Scotland Pathfinder Programme with 186 people moving into their own homes

ACTION can the Change Team keep spreading the word about the changes happening to end homelessness in Scotland? And help us all to keep testing that they are starting to make real change on the ground.

DATE OF NEXT RETREAT: 27 February 2020

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HELPing to eradicate homelessness

DUNCON'S HELP influence policy and strategy at local and project manager, national levels - and to help turn that into real the ground. been selected as one of 15 professional members of the 'All in for Change Team', aimed at influencing policy and strategy on homelessness in

Scotland.
All in For Change is being led by Homeless Network Scotland, Cyrenians and Scotlish Community

experience at the heart of system change by bringing together frontline workers and people with their own, personal, experience of homelessness either currently or in the past. Fitteen proffesionals from across the country have been especially selected, along with 16 people who have lived experience of homelessness, and they will be represented will be represented on a national strategy group on homelessness chaired by the minister for local government, housing and planning. Kevin Stewart MSP. It will build a network of those living and working with homelessness to

help turn that into real change on the ground. Kevin Stewart MSP attended the first meeting at the CoSLA offices at Raymarkst. He said: "Everyone needs a safe, warm place to call home - somewhere where we feel secure and can have a sense of all services need to be

change set out in our Ending Homelessness Together Action plan backed by the Scottish Government's 150M

Janet Mackellar, manager of local support service HELP, based in Dunoon and Rothesay, has been selected to be part of this group. Talking to the Standard and Isle of Buse Neur this week she

will be represented and I very much look forward to working with other proffesionals across the sector and across Scotland to implement

Change on the Ground ...

The Change Team reflected on the reality of doing things differently, starting from the simple but challenging task of writing your name with your less dominant hand. Change Leads shared their experiences of what it was like to start new conversations with people we know and work with. For some it was nerve-wracking and uncomfortable, coming up against scepticism and uncertainty. But for others, they enjoyed really productive discussions with new people keen to get on board with doing things differently.

ACTION we want to keep getting your feedback about leading change. So for February... what do you now know, who will you tell, what will you do differently - and what helped, or got in the way?

CHANGE TEAM ON TOUR!

In spring, the Change Team is going on tour to speak to as many people as we can about the 4 New Directions to End Homelessness - and what it means for them. So we started to plan:

- Who we wanted to speak to locally
- What information we wanted to share with them:
- What we wanted them to tell us

We will hold at least one event in each Housing Options Hub area and Change Leads will work across the area where you spend most time living or working.

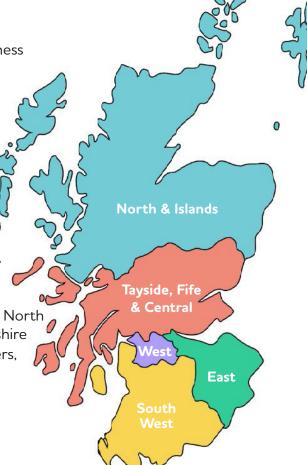
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Your Shout!

Billie took over the Your Shout slot this month with an inspiring talk sharing her reflections on homelessness, social mobility, empowerment and the impact of receiving charity. Her presentation linked to the importance of all of our New Directions.

ACTION Give us a shout if you want to fill the 'your shout' slot at future retreats.

Open space, your choice - but with a focus on change.



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WHAT'S ON?

Prevention Commission | 13 Feb Glasgow Street Homelessness Partners Event | 26 February South West Hub Event | 27 March Housing First Conference | 7 May