

Effective Measures to End Youth Homelessness

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Putting the **YOUTH** in Youth Homelessness

- Youth Oriented Solutions
- Healthy transition to adulthood
- Youth needs are not adult needs
- Youth supports must differ from adult supports
- Pathways for Youth Homelessness:
 - Individual – Conflict in the Family/Household
 - Structural – Housing markets/access to social benefits
 - System – Care Leavers

Locked Out:

Housing Solutions for Vulnerable Young People Transitioning to Independence

- Lodging and Peer Landlords
 - Linking the housing with supports and services
 - Trusting environments
- Tenancy Share
 - Transitioning to Independence
 - Combatting isolation
- Aftercare
 - Bridging the transitioning period to adulthood
 - Moving towards independence

Housing, Housing, Housing

- ~~Home ownership~~ v. rental market
- Multiple obstacles to housing
 - Young person
 - Service provider
- Human rights based approach
- Innovative Solutions:
 - Startblok Riekerhaven
 - Arci Milano
 - Y:Cube

Housing First for Youth

- A right to housing, with no pre-conditions
 - Human Rights Approach
- Youth choice, youth voice and self-determination
 - Empowerment
- Positive Youth development and wellness orientation
 - Building strengths, confidence and health
- Individualized and client-driven supports
 - Client wants v. Service providers wants & Timelines
- Social and community integration
 - Non-stigmatized housing, re-building natural supports, new relationships and community integration

We Can End Youth Homelessness

- ✓ Make sure we use youth oriented solutions
- ✓ Recognise the human right to housing
- ✓ Use innovation to overcome housing problems
- ✓ We have to start by saying:
'we will end youth homelessness'