



Call for Proposals

The Pathways Housing First Institute and Bundesverband Housing First Germany are seeking proposals for the inaugural European Housing First Partners Conference (EUHFPC), which will convene November 6-7, 2025 in Berlin. The theme of this conference is *Housing First: Supporting Recovery and Social Inclusion*.

European HFPC 2025 aims to foster a collaborative learning environment that highlights innovation and best practices in Housing First programs and inspires action, collaboration, and advocacy among conference participants. The conference will feature Housing First programs for individuals, families, and youth from nations throughout Europe. Local, national, and international practitioners and researchers are invited to develop presentations that: (1) Address new and creative ways to implement and sustain Housing First programs; (2) Showcase interventions that advance quality-of-life outcomes for Housing First participants; (3) Describe effective collaboration and partnership among housing, social services, and other support services. Proposals are welcomed from both new and established, as well as programs operated by or serving diverse populations. We also seek proposals that address the effectiveness of the program and how program outcomes are used to inform and improve practice.

Attendees

This inaugural European Housing First Partners Conference seeks to bring together many attendees, including: social service, health, mental health, substance use treatment providers; people with lived experience; housing providers, housing specialists, and property managers; researchers; policymakers; funders; representatives from the local business community; representatives from municipal, state, and federal government; members of faith communities; students and interns; and others interested in learning about Housing First.

At past HFPC conferences, participants have come from across the globe including Europe, Canada, United States, as well as from Australia, and New Zealand. Given the mandate of the Lisbon Agreement to end homelessness in Europe by 2030 and growing interest and dissemination of the Housing First approach, we anticipate attendees from many countries.

Topic Areas

- I. Best Practices in Housing First**

Proposals in this area can include: (1) Best-practice approaches focusing on tested and effective HF interventions, ideally supported by data reporting outcomes, and (2) Community-level interventions or collaborations for implementing and scaling up Housing First programs. Proposals must address how the program design of services and support meets the needs of the populations served, especially populations with behavioral health or medical care needs.
- II. Building and Sustaining a Resilient, and Inclusive Workforce**

Housing First programs are only as strong as the team members they employ. Proposals should explore strategies for recruiting, nurturing, and retaining staff—and avoiding staff burnout—in Housing First programs. We seek presentations that: (1) Provide strategies for building and sustaining a workforce that reflects the communities they serve and (2) Suggest how to ensure that an organization's values and hiring and retention practices align with the values of the Housing First program.
- III. Collaboration with Healthcare Systems**

Appropriate treatment of health problems is increasingly important, especially as the homeless population ages. (1) We seek presentations demonstrating the effective integration of physical health services with mental health, substance use, and other support services. (2) Priority will be given to programs that use a “whole person” or integrated approach. (3) Proposals should highlight successful collaborations that address potential barriers or challenges that may arise in integrating the housing, medical, and behavioral healthcare systems.
- IV. Emerging Trends and Innovations**

Here we seek proposals in two domains: (1) New approaches and practices being developed and implemented within the Housing First model to enhance its effectiveness and sustainability, including strategies for reducing harm related to the use of substances and other behaviors that increase the risks of harm; and (2) Showcasing promising and best-practice models in Community Integration and Social Inclusion.
- V. Increasing Access to Housing and the Supply of Housing**

These will be presentations from the housing sector and housing services collaboration, including housing agencies, property management services, and policy makers and other funders that seek to increase the development of affordable housing. We welcome presentations describing: (1) effective collaboration between housing providers, social services, and participants that serves to support tenancies and increase housing stability; (2) housing navigation services that assist agencies and participants search for and match person to place; (3) policy and financial initiatives that effectively increase affordable housing and support services for Housing First programs.
- VI. Increasing Tenant Involvement and Fostering Community Integration**

This area focuses on strategies for increasing the involvement of Housing First participants at every level of the program and in the wider community. (1) Presentations should highlight the role of peer specialists and people with lived experience in promoting community integration in the Housing First model. (2) Frameworks for participant-led solutions to crisis management, such as alternatives to hospitalization, are also invited. (3) Proposals should emphasize the critical role of participant involvement in strengthening ties to the community and “natural supports” as a means of supporting recovery.
- VII. Prioritizing and Serving Diverse Populations**

Presentations in this area should be based on Housing First programs that support populations with diverse backgrounds and needs, including those who are: (a) facing systemic barriers to housing; (b) survivors of domestic/intimate partner violence; (c) facing housing discrimination or other forms of discrimination; and (d) programs for youth, seniors, veterans, or LGBTQIA+. Proposals should focus on how adapting and customizing services can best meet the needs of the participants' needs and preferences.

Presenters

European HFPC is committed to providing presentations from a variety of backgrounds, disciplines, perspectives, and experiences. We encourage proposals from individuals with lived experience and proposals which include individuals with lived experience as a presenter.

Presentation Logistics and Interactive Workshops

- Presentations are available in various formats, including lecture/panel, interactive work sessions, moderated small group discussions, multimedia formats, and experiential training sessions.
- Presentation sessions are typically 60 minutes. Presentations should be structured to **present information for 30 minutes** and **allow for 30 minutes for dialogue and Q&A with attendees**. After each presentation, 15 minutes will be available for further conversations and time to get to the next session.

Timeline

- **March 31, 2025** – Call for Proposals Open
- **May 31, 2025** – Deadline Extended to Submit Proposals
- **July 2025** – Workshop Selections Announced
- **November 6-7, 2025** – European HFPC

Workshop Selection Criteria

- **Relevance** – demonstrates a clear connection to Housing First and the topic areas.
- **Innovation** – the topic is unique and addresses emerging issues and promising practices.
- **Utility** – content develops new skills, approaches, and actionable knowledge for participants.
- **Quality** – well-organized content outlines the purpose with clear learning objectives.
- **Inclusion and Collaboration** – the presentation provides inclusion of presenters with diverse backgrounds; incorporates perspectives of multiple stakeholders and/or the voices and experiences of participants.

Proposal Requirements

All proposals must be submitted through the [online application portal](#).

1. **Proposed Title** (up to 10 words)
2. **Presentation Format** (Choose one)
 - Experiential Training Workshop
 - Interactive Workshop
 - Lecture / Panel Presentation
 - Moderated Small Group Discussions
3. **Topic Area** (Choose one)
 - Best Practices in Housing First
 - Building and Sustaining a Resilient, and Inclusive Workforce
 - Collaborations with Health Systems
 - Emerging Trends and Innovations
 - Increasing Access to Housing and the Supply of Housing
 - Increasing Tenant Involvement and Fostering Community Integration
 - Prioritizing and Serving Diverse Populations
4. **Target Audience** (Select all that apply to identify how your presentation is applicable to groups impacted by homelessness.)

• Chronically Homeless	• Rural Communities
• DV/Intimate Partner Violence	• Single Adults
• Families	• Youth/Young Adults
• History of Incarceration	• Other Populations
• LGBTQIA+	
5. **Presenter Information** (up to 3 presenters) (Lead presenters will be asked for demographic information about themselves prior to completing the application. Co-presenters will be contacted directly by HFPC to collect demographic information to complete their contact records.)
 - Name
 - Organization
 - Email address
 - Brief bio (up to 50 words)
6. **Abstract** (100-150 words) to describe your workshop for participants.
7. **Summary of Presentation** (up to 500 words)
 - Include the value of your content for the audience.
 - Describe your presentation and how you plan to facilitate the audience's understanding of your content.
 - Describe the methods you plan to use for encouraging audience participation.

By applying, presenters must agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. All presenters must register for the conference.
2. All presenters are responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses.
3. Each presentation will be structured for 30 minutes of presentation time and 30 minutes of Q&A/audience interaction.