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Training program launched to help Australian communities end homelessness

A new, public training and webinar series has been launched by the Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (AAEH) to help communities across the country end homelessness.

The webinar series is a first of its kind in Australia and aims to inform and equip individuals, communities and organisations with the tools necessary to end homelessness across the country.

The webinars will explore methods that are working internationally, such as the Housing First Model and Advance to Zero Homelessness Methodology, and how these can be applied and implemented in a local context.

David Pearson CEO of the AAEH said that ending homelessness is possible and that this training series is designed to support organisations, individuals and communities to implement models that have proved successful.

"This training series will help communities across Australia use these methodologies - proving successful in Europe and North America - in their efforts to end homelessness for good. They are particularly useful for those who might already be part of a

collaborative but are keen to get a more holistic understanding of how these approaches work," said Mr Pearson.

"We've secured a number of international presenters as well to discuss how these methodologies have worked in their countries and local communities. One of which is the President and CEO of OrgCode Consulting, the organisation who created the VI-SPDAT.

The VI-SPDAT is a prescreen instrument designed to help organisations and communities interested in ending homelessness to identify homeless adults, youth and families that have increased vulnerability and risks to future housing stability. This webinar will look at how we can utilise this tool in Australia."

Upcoming webinars:
- Ending Homelessness 101, Tuesday 29 September, 2:00 - 4:00 pm AEST
- VI-SPDAT General Training session - delivered by Iain De Jong, President and CEO of OrgCode Consulting in Canada - Tuesday 6 October, 10:30am - 12:30pm AEDT
- Housing First and Ending Homelessness - delivered by Karyn Walsh CEO of Micah Projects in Queensland and Leah Watkins 50 Lives 50 Homes Manager at RUAH Community Services in WA - Tuesday 27 October, 1:00 - 3:00pm AEDT
- Introduction to Continuous Improvement, Tuesday 3 November, 9:30 - 11:30am AEDT
- An Introduction to the Advance to Zero Homelessness Methodology, Tuesday 24 November, 1:00 - 3:00pm AEDT

Find out more: https://aaeh.org.au/events

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About the Alliance to End Homelessness
The Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (AAEH) is an independent champion for preventing and ending homelessness in Australia – starting with rough sleeping homelessness. The AAEH supports Australian communities to individually and collectively end homelessness. Specifically, we work with local communities at all levels to ensure everyone has access to safe and sustainable housing services and that any incidents of homelessness that do occur are rare, brief and non-recurring.