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Australian Alliance to End Homelessness to run a series of training sessions dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness in Australia

In 2020, the Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (AAEH) launched for the first time a series of public webinars and training sessions to help communities across Australia end homelessness.

This year, a new series of virtual training sessions will run to equip individuals, communities and organisations with the tools and knowledge they need to not just better manage or reduce homelessness but to end it.

The first of its kind ending homelessness training series will explore the various approaches that have been working around the world and how they can be adopted for use in Australia.

The AAEH will run sessions on topics such as: collaboration, data and technology, an introduction to the Advance to Zero Homelessness Methodology and many more.

David Pearson, CEO of the AAEH, is excited to launch this new training series.

"Ending homelessness is possible – it's not easy, and it's certainly complicated – but we know that it is possible, and this series will explore how," Mr Pearson said.

The AAEH have secured a number of influential presenters from around the world for the training sessions, including Iain de Jong (President and CEO of Org Code, Canada), Rian Watt and Leslie Wise (Community Solutions, USA), and Jo Scard (CEO of Fifty Acres).

Mr Pearson has also commented that there has been growing demand for information and support to implement this approach in Australia. The AAEH are excited that this training will help to meet that need.

"In the past 12 months the number of communities, or local government areas, seeking to implement this data driven and collaborative approach to end homelessness has increased from 5 to 11," Mr Pearson said.

These communities are seeking to build on the success of the 14 communities so far in the United States of America that have <u>ended chronic or veteran's homelessness</u>.

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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, they 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.