



FEANTSA Study Session: Homeless Rights are Social Rights European Youth Centre Budapest 19 – 23 November 2018

When: 19 – 23 November 2018

Where: European Youth Centre, Budapest, Hungary.

What: A study session is a 5-day course, designed with the support of the Council of Europe's Youth Department. Study sessions depart from traditional courses by using non-formal education to encourage participants to share their experiences, stories and expertise on a given issue. As a participant to a study session you are an expert and will be encouraged to share your insights with colleagues from across Europe. A special attempt will be made to select participants with diverse professional and geographic backgrounds to ensure diversity in thoughts and knowledge. This study session will be designed by experts on youth homelessness in Europe and with the support of our educational advisor will be delivered in an interactive way, where you will develop relationships & partnerships with other participants.

The FEANTSA Youth Study sessions over the past four years have provided an opportunity for young professionals from across Europe to come together to identify key issues in tackling youth homelessness and propose a series of solutions. The study sessions have led to a growing and dynamic alumni network with membership from across a wide variety of fields including social work, youth work, academics, students, law, architecture, public policy (local and national civil services), NGOs and others.

The past study sessions have focused on taking a human rights approach to preventing youth homelessness while also developing and implementing an advocacy strategy aimed at raising awareness for youth homelessness among policy makers.

In November 2018, the FEANTSA Youth Study Session will focus on the idea of Homeless Rights as Social Rights. Human Rights-based approaches to tackling homelessness are advocated by numerous international bodies, such as the United Nations. As the profile of those working directly with the homeless are generally social workers who don't always have a human rights background, this study session acts as a unique learning opportunity to strengthen the homeless sector's awareness of human rights-based approaches and how it can be implemented in their service

Key Objectives: The objectives of this Study Session are:

1. Develop an understanding and knowledge of social rights enshrined in international human rights law.

2. Develop a deeper awareness of the intersection between human and social rights in the homeless sector, emphasis on how to recognise, vindicate and protect the right to housing, the rights to access employment, healthcare and education and the right to an adequate standard of living for young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
3. Take human rights from a conceptual understanding to practical application by providing training on how to use the Youth Rights Right Now Guide.
4. Provide the skills and training required to effectively implement The Youth Rights Right Now Guide in each participants' local context, to ensure the learning from the study session can be maximised and put to effect after completing the session.
5. To establish a peer mentoring support system aimed at the encouraging continued shared learning experiences following on from the study session and support in the delivery of services and supports embedded in human rights.

Who Should Apply: Anyone who is -

- Under 30 years old, some places are available for participants 30+
- Living in a Council of Europe member state.
- Working with young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Experienced in homelessness and/or human rights-based approaches to social issues and is looking to build on that knowledge and apply it in a context for youth
- Able to communicate in English
- Enthusiastic, energetic and prepared to engage in non-formal education
- Willing to commit yourself after the study session in order to plan and carry out coordinated work together with other participants

In addition to the above criteria, applications are particularly encouraged from:

- Non-European Union Countries, while also a Council of Europe Member State
- Applicants working with/for a local authority, municipality or city.

How: Online applications are now open and will close on 17 August 2018. Click [here](#) to access the online application form - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dbPWpgg-awsM-plpGYLoUiWx-xJsY3yIrlYc2woLOWl>

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Application process: 35 participants will be selected by mid-September 2018 based on:

- Motivation
- Knowledge of youth homelessness issues,
- Knowledge of human rights-based approaches to social issues
- Experience with youth work
- Geographic, gender and age balance

A maximum of 2 – 3 participants will be chosen from each country

Applicants will be notified if they have been selected or not by mid September 2018.

Cost: Travel, accommodation and meal costs will be covered by the Council of Europe; a €50 registration fee will be charged for participants, this will be deducted from the travel expenses reimbursement