

SITE VISITS

11th SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY

<p>13h00-16h00</p>	<p>Trauma-informed gynaecological service for homeless women - symposium BMSZKI</p> <p>BMSZKI launched its trauma-informed gynaecological service for homeless women in 2022. The symposium will present the philosophy behind the service, an introduction of its everyday operation, and a round table discussion between various stakeholders around the ways of supporting vulnerable women (women with experiences of trauma – childhood or intimate partner violence, institutional abuse, or who are from disadvantaged backgrounds due to their social or ethnic origins) in gynaecological care.</p> <p>Simultaneous interpretation shall be made available from Hungarian to English.</p>
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12th SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY

<p>9h30 – 11h00</p>	<p>Szabolcs street hostel and health center BMSZKI</p> <p><i>1134 Budapest, Szabolcs utca 33-35</i></p> <p>The Szabolcs street hostel provides social and health care services for 155 elderly and disabled individuals (an increasing population among homeless people year after year). The 18-bed convalescent ward can also accommodate people living on the streets to receive healthcare services. The chronic internal medicine and nursing wards provide inpatient care with 73 beds, where our clients often spend the last period of their lives. Additionally, there is a hostel with 64 beds where partially self-sufficient individuals can stay. Moreover, a general practitioner is available in the building, and physiotherapists and speech therapists assist the clients.</p>
<p>9h30 – 11h00</p>	<p>No Slum community housing project BMSZKI</p> <p><i>1087 Budapest, Kőbányai út 22.</i></p> <p>In this building of social housing (consisting of 186 units) some tenants are former homeless people. Originally 20 people moved in within the framework of an ESF funded housing first pilot, then during the COVID pandemic an additional 70 apartments were allocated to homeless individuals to make shelters less crowded. While a great opportunity for homeless people, these measures have resulted in the creation of a segregated community in the city center. The visit is hosted by a team of community workers who perform individual and community social work to all tenants.</p>

<p>9h30 – 11h00</p>	<p>Low threshold complex and John Wesley Theological College</p> <p>Oltalom Charity Service</p> <p><i>1086 Budapest, Dankó u. 9</i></p> <p>Oltalom Charity Service in maintained the Hungarian Evangelical Fellowship, a congregation of the Methodist Church. Its low threshold services are one of a kind – a huge emergency shelter (“Heated street”) welcoming singles as well as couples, day centre, soup kitchen and health care services (GP service and hospital) are found in the same building as the John Wesley Theological College (https://wesley.hu/), as well as a kindergarten.</p>
<p>10h00 – 11h30</p>	<p>From Streets to Home Association</p> <p><i>1143 Budapest, Ilka u. 35. (office)</i></p> <p>From Streets to Homes Association (FSHA) is a grassroots organisation founded by social workers who saw Housing First as the best way to tackle homelessness. They pioneered the Housing First concept in Hungary through their innovative housing programmes that also serve as models for other housing organisations, municipalities and the central government. They operate five programmes. The ‘From Huts to Homes’ program mobilises clients and volunteers to renovate vacant, run-down municipal flats, to house homeless clients. They operate a social housing agency mobilising privately owned dwellings that they rent, then sublet as social housing or as service flats. They provide rent subsidies for 300+ refugees living in Budapest. All clients living in social housing also receive intensive, personalised social work. This is complemented by community social work and community events. Finally, they are active in advocacy for housing as a human right. In this site visit, participants will be able to meet with FSHA colleagues to discuss how such innovative programmes can be run in an adverse climate, without central government funding.</p>