

Hidden Figures

Exploring Housing, Homelessness and Ageing in LGBTQIA+ Communities

Focus Ireland research on LGBTQ+ Homelessness & Ageing and Homelessness



LGBTQI+ Youth Homelessness



Findings:

- Dual layer of triggers.
- Informal & Hidden Homelessness.
- Reluctance to engage with homeless services.
- Lack of awareness & training within homeless services.

Recommendations:

- The 'Youth Homelessness Strategy', should include specific reference to LGBTQI+. The Strategy should put in place supports to help prevent homelessness among LGBTQI+ youth.
- Commission appropriate specialist training from LGBTQI+ organisations for staff working in the key access points and services.

Current Policy Context

National Policy

Local Authorities to offer LGBTI+ Youth Homelessness Training Workshops for service providers, to ensure that they have a better understanding of LGBTI+ issues and the various forms of discrimination faced by members of this community

Regional Policy

Develop a LGBTQI+ strategy, to include an examination on the establishment of specific LGBTQI+ friendly accommodation.

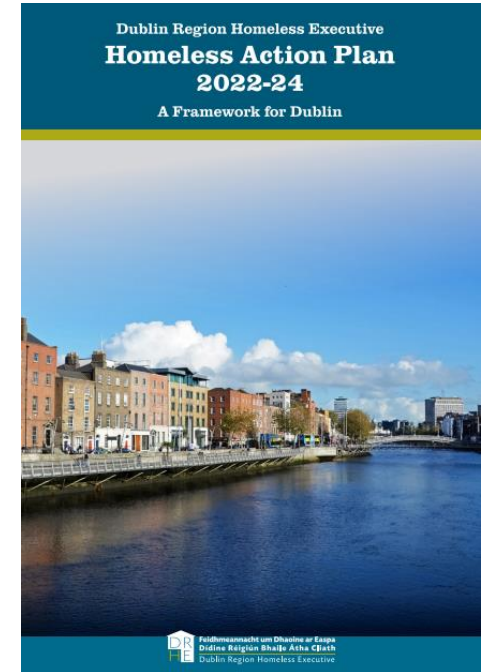


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Housing for All **Youth Homelessness Strategy**

2023-2025

A 3-year strategy working towards ending homelessness for young people aged 18-24 through prevention and exits; and improving the experience of young people accessing emergency accommodation



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Ageing & Homelessness

Focus Housing Association tenants over 45 years of age.



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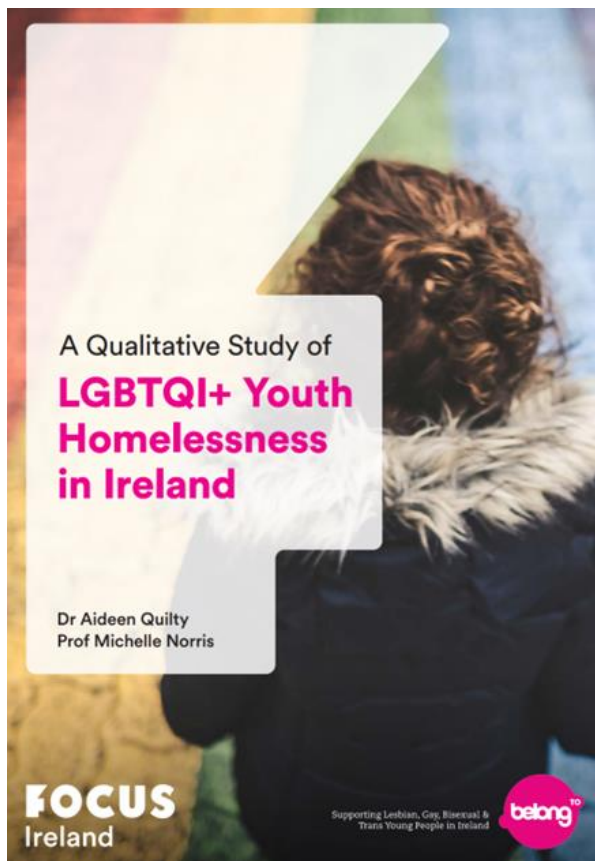
- People with experiences of homelessness have needs that other adults of a similar age in the community may not have, particularly around chronic health conditions.
- Back Pain (55%), Mobility Issues (55%), Psychological or Emotional Conditions (50%), High Blood Pressure (34%), Respiratory Diseases (18%).
- Respondents wish to age-in-place in their current community, remaining in their homes with appropriate adaptations.

Recommendations:

- Focus Ireland Services
- Focus Housing Association – Approved Housing Body (AHB) of Focus Ireland
- Advocacy

Knowledge Gap

Opportunities for new Research & Advocacy



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