



The **Norfolk Strategic Housing Partnership**

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Working together to end homelessness in Norfolk.

NORFOLK STRATEGIC HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

The **Norfolk Strategic Housing Partnership** was formed to ensure anyone sleeping rough in Norfolk had access to safe accommodation as part of the Government's 'Everybody In' initiative.

No Homelessness in Norfolk is a project being delivered by **Norfolk Strategic Housing Partnership**, a partnership comprising eight local authorities, public health, housing associations, health, police, probation, voluntary sector, charities.



OUR CONFERENCE

Representatives from the housing sector came together with people with lived experience of homelessness to take part in a virtual conference. Attended by a wide range of stakeholders from across Norfolk, the conference took place on **13th July 2021** with the aim of making a lasting change for people who have experienced homelessness or who have slept rough.

Stephen Evans, new Chair of The Norfolk Strategic Housing Partnership, said: "It's really important that we build on the success of the 'Everyone In' project. Our commitment now is to ensure that we have a sustainable Norfolk-wide strategy that will reduce homelessness for the future."

"The prominence of lived experience throughout the conference has been really inspiring, walking the walk if you like rather than talking a good game. The inclusion of such talented creatives brought such power to the discussion."

Anthony Pickup, Homeless Link

The Corn Hall in Diss and Solo Housing facilitated an in person discussion group with participants, either working in homelessness services or who had experienced homelessness as part of the conference. The event at the Corn Hall included a local artist; Joel Millichip who throughout the day captured the thoughts, feelings and ideas from the conference onto canvas. An image captured on the day can be seen below.



Speakers included poet **Seamus Fox** and poet and author **Hannah Green**, both of whom have experienced homelessness. It was very powerful hearing them express their personal journeys through the art of poetry. **Norfolk County Council's Executive Director of Adult Social Services, James Bullion**, and **Norwich City Council's Chief Executive, Stephen Evans**, also presented talks on making real changes for people experiencing homelessness.

The next stage is to develop a **Norfolk-wide Homelessness Strategy with prevention at its heart** which will support and facilitate the system change needed to deliver No Homelessness in Norfolk.