ORGANIZERS CHAIRS AND VOLUNTEERS



Igor Grzesiak, Wiceprezes Fundacji Ius Medicinae, Członek Zarządu Instytutu Praw Pacjenta i Edukacji Zdrowotnej

Initiator and coordinator of national advocacy campaigns for the promotion of health. He coordinated big projects funded within Citizens for Democracy and Swiss Contribution NGO Fund. He is responsible for organization of Global Day of Patients and Leader's Forum of Patient's Organizations. He is also a member of the Supervisory Board of the Camillian Mission for Social Assistance and Program Council for the Coalition Against Diabetes. He cooperates with National AIDS Center. He graduated from the Management Faculty at the University of Warsaw.



Julia Wygnańska, "Housing First - Evidence Based Advocacy" Research and Project Coordinator at the Ius Medicinae Foundation

As a researcher and advocate she is committed to the idea of policy-oriented research and evidence based advocacy. She attempts to reinforce the knowledge of homelessness and housing exclusion to stakeholders in Poland, presenting the world's best practices and initiating innovative programs to support people experiencing marginal housing situations. In 2004-2009 she was a member of the European Observatory on Homelessness FEANTSA. In 2015 she joined the Expert Group on Homelessness Prevention of Councilor for Human Rights in Poland.



Boróka Fehér, Leader of the Policy Department of the Budapest Methodological Centre of Social Policy (BMSZKI)

She has been working with homeless people in Hungary since 1999. BMSZKI is the homeless service provider of the City of Budapest, She is a senior lecturer at the Károli Reformed University Institute of Social Work and Diaconia. For several years she was an elected representative member of Tizek, the umbrella organization of homeless service providers in Budapest. She is a member of "The February 3rd Research Team", carrying out the only annual survey among homeless people in Hungary. Her field of special interest is narrative therapy and participative ways of working. She holds a PhD in Social Work and Social Policy.



Katarzyna Chotkowska, volunteer evaluator of "Housing First – Evidence based Advocacy" Graduate of bachelor and master studies in Social Policy at the Institute for Social Policy at the University of Warsaw and master studies in Psychology at the Academy of Special Education named Maria Grzegorzewska in Warsaw. Currently works as a therapist in a supported house for people suffering from mental illnesses and is a member of the project team in the Coalition for Support of People with Mental Diseases. Member of the Board of the Institute of Public Policy. Associated with environmental non-governmental organizations, among others, Foundation ITAKA - Centre for Missing People, Capuchin Foundation named blessed Anicet Koplinski, the Foundation "Good Development" and the Association of Friends and Families of People with Mental Disorders "BRIDGE" in Bródno.



Martyna Kalicka, volunteer evaluator of "Housing First – Evidence based Advocacy"
Board Member of the Foundation Institute for Public Policy and Resarch Council Solidaritatis. She is engaged in projects of The Association for the Production of Movies "Cotopaxi". She holds a nasters degree of Social Policy from The Institute of Social Policy of The University of Warsaw. Currently she is a PhD student of Public Policy at the Faculty of Journalism and Political Science at the University of Warsaw.



Dorota Marchlewska, Life Skills Workshop at "The Partners Support Center" of The Open Door Association

She worked as an assistant at "Wola Pilot Project on Information Systems in Homeless Shelters" by The Foundation for Social Innovation and Research "Shipyard" in 2010. She also worked in EQUAL Project on "Partnership for Labor Integration of the Roma Community through Social Economy" administered by the International Organization for Migrations. She organized over twenty conferences for local government representatives in Local Government Partnership Program founded by USAID.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER





She is a lawyer who until 2014 worked at Provivienda, a Spanish NGO aiming to facilitate access to adequate housing for disadvantaged groups. She represented her association in FEANTSA (member of the Housing Working Group from 2006-2014) and the FePsh, the Spanish platform of organizations working with the homeless. She is now working in FEANTSA coordinating a European project called "Housing First Guide Europe" along with the biggest authorities of the Program including Sam Tsemberis, Pathways to Housing and Nicholas Please, European Observatory on Homelessness. She takes part in strategic partnership "Ways out of Homelessness" dedicated to sharing experience and fostering housing solutions in Central Europe: Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Poland. She has a vast knowledge on Housing First program both in its original version as well as adaptations to local contexts. Coming from Spain and working with Central European partners she feels our souls and understands challenges we face.

SPEAKERS

Marcin Bejm, Clifford Chance



He is an advocate and has more than 16 years of professional experience. In the Clifford Chance Warsaw office he is responsible for development of infrastructure and PPP projects. Marcin specializes in providing legal advice on the organization and financing of infrastructure investment projects, including public-private partnership projects. He has experience in providing legal advice on projects implemented in the air, road, railway transport and the water supply sectors. He has also advised on revitalization projects as well as investments related to renewable and conventional energy sources and waste-to-energy projects. His clients include private investors, Polish and international financial institutions, sovereign wealth funds, local government units and utility companies. Marcin is a co-founder of the Centrum PPP foundation and the author of a number of publications promoting PPP. Chambers Europe considers him a leader (Band 1) in the field of infrastructure projects.



Kamilla Dołowska, Director of the Civil Law Team at The Commissioner for Human Rights and Co-President of the Expert Group on Preventing Homelessness at the Commissioner for Human Rights.

In 2002-2010 she was a Director of the Administrative Law and Housing Issues at the Commissioner for Human Rights Office. She specializes in housing law. She graduated from the oif Warsaw Law and Administration Faculty. In 1997 she has completed her work as a court trainee, passing the judge examination. In 2001 she has completed a traineeship for legal counsels and passed a legal advisors' exam.



Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram, advocate, Clifford Chance

She focuses on litigation, criminal law and medical law. She is in charge of the pro bono activity of law firm Clifford Chance, Janicka, Namiotkiewicz, Krużewski i wspólnicy sp.k. She has worked on a regular basis for many years with social organisations and initiatives that are attempting to bring about systemic changes and organises financial support for them. She is active for the Association for Legal Intervention [Stowarzyszenie Interwencji Prawnej], the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Nobody's Children Foundation [Fundacja Dzieci Niczyje], Ashoka – Innovators for the Public Good Foundation [Fundacja Ashoka Innowatorzy dla Dobra Publicznego], and many others.



Katarzyna Lech, Community Therapy Specialist, Psychotherapist, Balint Groups Leader, PR Specialist

She engages in activities of multiple organizations including Polish Psychiatric Society, International Society for the Psychological Treatment of the Schizophrenias, Polish Balint Association and Polish Institute of Psychodramma. She a Secretary to the Board of Research Section for Community Psychiatry and Rehabilitation of Polish Psychiatric Society and Board Member of Polish Association for Psychological and Social Attitude to Psychoses. She is an advocate for community psychiatry and expert in the "Housing First – Evidence based Advocacy" Project.



Balázs Németh, Budapest Methodological Centre of Social Policy BMSZKI

He started working with the homeless as a 21 year old student and worked with homeless men, women and couples since then. For five years he worked in a hostel for elderly homeless people. Currently he works as a professional team leader in Budapest Methodological Centre of Social Policy and it's Institutions. His team works with homeless people in two hostels in the capital and cooperates with the Single Room Occupancy House. He graduated as a Teacher of Hungarian language and literature, and history (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, 2002), as a public administration manager (Corvinus University, Budapest, 2006) and as a social worker (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, 2011).



Adam Ploszka, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Expert Group on Preventing Homelessness at the Commissioner for Human Rights in Poland

He is an author of publications and articles on human rights including homelessness and human rights as well as an active advocate for better implementation of human rights in Poland. He is a PhD student at The University of Warsaw Law and Administration Faculty.



Jerzy Radziwiłł, Independent Consultant

Independent consultant with years of experience in project management and evaluation. He graduated from the Faculty of Physics, University of Warsaw (1974-1979) and a postgraduate MBA (The Warsaw School of Economics and the University of Minnesota, 1997-1999). His main areas of interest include project management, evaluation, social research, local development, rural development, disability and social exclusion, the social economy, European funding and activities of NGOs and local governments. He also has experience in corporate management, optimization of manufacturing processes and headcount analysis. He is an active member of the Polish Evaluation Society. In 2014 he conducted an evaluation study of the Program of Scattered Training Flats implemented by the Camillian Mission for Social Assistance.



Aleksandra Różycka, Expert of the "Housing First – Evidence Based Advocacy" Project
Practitioner of providing housing support to excluded groups and author of analyses in that
field. Her special interest is in homelessness prevention, supported housing and instruments of
housing policy in compliance with subsidiary role of public bodies and market mechanisms.
Head of Local Housing Stock Department in one of the districts of Warsaw.



Ryszard Szarfenberg, PhD., Professor of the University of Warsaw

Expert of the Polish National Strategy of Social Integration, national expert of European Minimum Income Network. President of The Administrative Council of Polish Committee of European Anti-Poverty Network and Board Member of Polish Society for Social Policy. Member of Editorial Councils of Social Worker Library Series, Contemporary Social Policy and Social Policy Problems Quarterly. Author of many publications on social policy, public policy, social services, evaluation, European and international social policy, poverty, social exclusion and welfare.



Janusz Sukiennik, Specialist for Social Projects in Caritas Poland

Lawyer and journalist. He is the creator and leader of innovative program for exiting homelessness and overcoming substance dependency "We'll make it". He is interested in methods of social rehabilitation of men in particular men exiting homelessness and leaving penitentiary institutions. His other field of interest is social economy as a tool for supporting excluded people.

	Comment from the representative of the Polish Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Policy
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