



Parity

A Call for Contributions – November 2022

"The Role of Information Technology in Responding to Homelessness"

Deadline: COB Friday 11 November 2022.

Word length: Contributions can be up to 1,600 words. Submissions to be sent to parity@chp.org.au

Introduction

The basic and fundamental aim of the edition is to provide an opportunity for both policy makers, service providers and most importantly people experiencing homelessness, to examine and discuss two main themes connected to the role and function of the new information technologies in the response to homelessness.

1. The first of these is the role and function of the new information technologies in helping to better understand all aspects of homelessness, including the service and support needs of those experiencing homelessness by gathering new and more detailed information (data) on all aspects of service provision and supply as well as the demand for services.
2. The second of these is the role the new information technologies play in the lives of people experiencing homelessness. For example, and most obviously access to smart phones and all the potential information and resources available through access to these devices. Can these information technologies assist people to get the services and support they say they need?

The edition will also provide a forum in which those with the lived experience of homelessness can discuss and share their experience as well as participate in the development of better and suited to purpose homelessness services and supports.



Equally the use of the information and data generated by existing applications like Ask Izzy can inform the development of homelessness policies and homelessness services, will be a key focus of the edition.

A framework for discussion

1. How have the new information technologies impacted on the lives of people experiencing homelessness?
2. How have these information technologies changed, developed and evolved over time and changed its impact on the lives of people experiencing homelessness, but also the work of those working to respond to homelessness
3. These information technologies are however much more than a valuable source of information and data. How have they served to empower people experiencing homelessness and give them a greater say in the design and development of the services provided to them?
4. How can these new information technologies impact for example on the co-design of services and supports?
5. What are the implications of the “digital divide” in the role and place of the new information technologies in their use and application as a resource for people experiencing homelessness?
6. How can access to the new information technologies be improved and what new applications (apps) could be developed to make them more accessible and user friendly?
7. How can homelessness services benefit from the information and data provided through and by the new information technologies?
8. How have the new information and communication technologies assisted with increasing public awareness of homelessness through social media?
9. How do people without a home engage with social media? What are the issues that they have identified?
10. How do services use social media to improve the services they offer? Can social media provide more than just an 'in person' response?



Key information

Deadline: The deadline for contributions: COB Friday, 11 November 2022. Should additional time be required, please contact the *Parity* Editor.

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1. Seung S 2012, *Connectome: How the Brain's Wiring Makes Us Who We Are*, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Boston, p.90.

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Trevithick P 2003 'Effective Relationship Based Practice', *Journal of Social Work Practice*, vol.17, no.2, pp.163-176.

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Unknown 2008, 'Brumby calls for tough sentences', *The Age*, 29 October 2017, p. 8.

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Author's surname (if known) Initial, 'Page/Blog/Document Title', *The person or organisation responsible for the website*, Year of Publication (if known) <URL>

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Greenblatt S, 'A special letter from Stephen Greenblatt', Australian Council of Social Services, 2017 <<http://acoss.org/media/greenblatt>>

Audio podcast

Speaker/Hosts surname Initial, 'Title of episode', *Title of Podcast*, Year and date of Publication, <URL> (if available).

For example:

Todd B 2018, 'What homelessness looks like for women', *Stuff Mom Never Told You*, 14 March 2018 <<https://www.stuffmomnevertoldyou.com/podcasts/what-homelessness-looks-like-for-women.html>>



Online video/film or documentary

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Indigenous homelessness 1992, video recording, Green Cape Wildlife Films.

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