

# We need YOUR help!!

## 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion

### 2010 is the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion

Within the framework of the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, FEANTSA is running a campaign called 'Ending Homelessness'. Throughout Europe, FEANTSA members are organising campaign activities. The central message is that homelessness can and should be ended. In order to achieve this, FEANTSA calls for the development of integrated homelessness strategies, which address the following 5 goals (see to the right).

#### What CHNI are doing:

CHNI are putting together a booklet which will be presented to the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels in the Autumn of this year. The aim of the booklet is to demonstrate Northern Ireland's response, in terms of best practice to homelessness, particularly around the five goals, and the many challenges that we face in addressing homelessness, exclusion and poverty.

#### We need your help!

We would like you to provide any comments, examples of best practice, case studies, and whatever else you feel would add to the impact of the booklet. The focus of any materials you provide should be around FEANTSA's five goals (see right).

Should you wish to submit for inclusion in the booklet, please forward relevant materials to: George Quinn, Information officer, CHNI ([info@chni.org.uk](mailto:info@chni.org.uk))

Please return by DATE..

As always, we appreciate and rely upon your views and experiences!

Inspired by its founding principle of solidarity, the EU has joined forces with its Member States to make 2010 the European Year For Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. The key objectives are to raise public awareness about these issues and renew the political commitment to combat poverty and social exclusion.

[www.2010againstopoverty.eu/?langid=en](http://www.2010againstopoverty.eu/?langid=en)

Homelessness section of site:

[www.2010againstopoverty.eu/about/tackling.html?langid=en#question2](http://www.2010againstopoverty.eu/about/tackling.html?langid=en#question2)

FEANTSA is the European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless was established in 1989 as a European non-governmental organisation to prevent and alleviate the poverty and social exclusion of people threatened by or living in homelessness. FEANTSA currently has more than 100 member organisations, working in close to 30 European countries, including 25 EU Member States. CHNI is a member of FEANTSA.

'Ending Homelessness' campaign:

[www.feantsa.org/code/en/pg.asp?Page=1252](http://www.feantsa.org/code/en/pg.asp?Page=1252)

#### FEANTSA's 5 Goals:

1. No one sleeping rough
2. No one in emergency accommodation longer than is an 'emergency'
3. No one living in transitional accommodation longer than is required for successful move-on
4. No one leaving an institution without housing options
5. No young people becoming homeless as a result of the transition to independent living



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