



Finding a Common Ground:

Developing a Peer-Led Advocacy Network (PLAN) to challenge housing inequalities in Edinburgh

St Martin's in the Field Ideas Board

Funding Ideas into Action: In partnership with Crisis Common Ground (previously A-Team) Action Group.

Exploring Creative Funding Solutions for those who are Homeless or Vulnerably Housed.

Date: 27th of November 2018

Time: 9.30 for refreshments 10.00– 12.30

Venue: Norton Park Conference Centre, Edinburgh



Bookings should be made via Eventbrite.

If you have any questions regarding the event please contact either Lesleyanderson@cyrenians.scot

The event will showcase **St Martins in the Field Ideas Board fund**, enabling organisations to find out how they can apply for up to 10k of funding to improve the situation for those whom are homeless or vulnerably housed. As an example, we will unpack **Crisis's Common Ground Group** proposed idea to develop a peer learning and advocacy network across Edinburgh for those who are homeless or vulnerably housed.

The event will be of particular interest to frontline practitioners who work in the field homelessness or with those that are vulnerably housed

Who are Common Ground?

*Formally known as the A Team, **Common Ground** is a group supported by Crisis, having lived experience they want to create change for those who have faced homelessness, by creating a peer-led learning and advocacy network across Edinburgh.*

What is the Ideas Board?

One of the underlying premises of the Frontline Network is that we believe frontline workers have expertise and ideas which are currently undervalued and under-resourced, and which if properly supported could have a positive impact on the lives of homeless and vulnerably housed people. We believe that frontline workers are in a unique position to identify solutions which take into account both the client's need as well as the practicalities of service delivery. The ideas board is therefore, an opportunity for frontline workers to put forward ideas which they think will help their clients.

What type of ideas are we looking for?

We are looking for any idea which seeks to improve the situation of someone who is currently homeless or vulnerably housed. The idea could be big or small – it could be just one small part of getting someone back on their feet, or it could be something more ambitious. For example, this might be an event, a piece of research, professional support or to test a new service. We are looking for creative solutions, to test new ways of working or to release opportunities which might not normally be accessible

How much money is available?

We will give grants between £200 - £10 000 for ideas that make it past the second stage of the application process, and can give more in exceptional circumstances.

Event Running Order

Time	Activity	By whom / Role	Action/ Resources Required
8:30am	Event Set Up Main hall: 6 times round display tables, projector, AV equipment, registration table,	Lesley	Promotional Material, table cloths, pens, post its, flip chart paper, discussion cards. Tea, Coffee for arrival, name badges, guest list,
9:30am	Registration/ Tea / Coffee	2x staff member on registration table	Guest List, Names badges



10:00am	Welcome and Introduction to the event, Amanda, provide an overview of St Martins and the Ideas Board		Projector with Names and org in background
10:15am	Common Ground, Introduction- Graphic tree to explain their journey and where they hope to branch out next. (Roots as the history, trunk as core activities and branches what next)		
10:40	Sessions Ideas into Action- have three ideas groups running at same time, people spilt groups and move round each idea: Have an over view of each idea exploring, who where, when, barriers, partners. Present how it could be refined and put into action.		
11:15	Coffee Break		
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12:15	Round up, thanks and request for evaluation feedback, voting	Prepare survey monkey so people can do on their phones/ offer mail option also	

	Social Media – Rosalie		
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Actions

Firm up concept with Will

- Speak to comms re promo/ materials
- Send event plan over to St Martins
- Look at mail chimp- rather than event bright
- Define roles and responsibilities
- Speak to Natalie- RE new comms materials- demographics/ locality
- Craig- re resources
- Speak to hostel managers groups