

WAAEH Charter Development

Charter - Pledge

We are the Western Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (WAAEH), a collective of individuals and organisations who pledge that we:

1. Find it unacceptable that people are experiencing homelessness.
2. Recognise that the scale of homelessness in Western Australia is both preventable and solvable and that despite the common misconception to the contrary, we can end homelessness in Western Australia.
3. Know that if we work together across communities, individuals, organisations, business, and all levels of government we can not just reduce homelessness we can end it.
4. Are inspired by the efforts of communities around the world that have successfully ended homelessness by making it rare, brief and a one-time occurrence - this is what we mean by an end to homelessness.
5. Will end homelessness in Western Australia through implementing our Strategy, the Advance to Zero framework and a range of Strategic Initiatives.
6. Are accountable for our actions.
7. Embrace our Values.
8. Adopt our Principles and Mindsets.
9. Take Collective Action.

SIGN HERE

Signed:

Name:

Date:

Email:

Phone:

If signing as an individual -

Do you consent to your name being published as an WAAEH partner?

If signing for an Organisation –

Org Name:

EMBRACE OUR VALUES

I/We commit to the Alliance values:

1. **Courageous** – being tenacious in challenging unfairness and finding solutions to the underlying causes of homelessness, challenging ourselves, challenging our organisations and services.
2. **Inclusive** – upholding the respect, dignity and self-worth of all individuals; providing a non-judgmental response; and striving for everyone to have a safe, secure, and affordable home and access to services and supports to fully participate in community life.
3. **Transformative** – changing our ways of thinking and acting to bring about an end to homelessness (not managing it); responding and adapting to changing needs and opportunities; taking a data-informed approach to our action and advocacy to change systems and services to work better for people.

ADOPT OUR PRINCIPLES & MINDSETS

I/We commit to working together to end homelessness in Western Australia by being:

- **People Centered** - Putting people at the heart of all of our efforts.
 - **Living and Lived Experience** - Valuing and including people experiencing and, with lived experience of homelessness in shaping solutions.
 - **Culturally Driven** – embracing diversity, and ensuring our work is culturally appropriate and safe for everybody.
 - **Resilient** – recognising resilience, being trauma aware and healing informed.
- **Action driven** - taking collective responsibility and refuse to let a lack of resources be a barrier to action, our focus is on making progress wherever we can.
- **Collaborative** - Working together across the community using data and evidence to tackle the complexity of homelessness.
- **Improvement Focused** - Being informed by efforts elsewhere, using that to continually drive improvement and share what we learn.
- **Positive** - Adopting a growth mindset, recognising that through improvement we can effect positive change.

TO BE AN ACTIVE PARTNER

I / We commit to be an active Alliance partner and acknowledge that this means:

- Believing we can end homelessness.
- Being guided by our Strategy and the Advance to Zero Framework.
- Taking actions relevant to me / my organisation and to share what those actions are through our Accountability Framework.
- Maintaining respect through all collaborations and communications.
- For organisations – my organisation's name being published as an Alliance partner (optional for individuals).

COMMITMENT TO ALLIANCE PARTNER ACTIONS

Please commit to the minimum actions for all Alliance partners and select other actions that you / your organisation commit to, or are already taking. Please share other actions not listed that you are or will take to help end homelessness.

Actions	Will take	Already taking
Minimum actions for all Alliance partners		
Commit to the WAAEH Charter and become an Alliance partner.		
Commit to the WAAEH Strategy and taking actions set out in the Strategy phases.		
Ensure the Alliance values, principles and mindsets are upheld at all times		
Share the Charter and encourage others to become an Alliance partner.		
Participate in Alliance training and events to build knowledge and capacity.		
Support End Homelessness campaigns.		
Promote end homelessness efforts and use the hashtags # EndHomelessnessWA #HomelessnessisSolvable		
Other actions, where applicable		
Adopt a Housing First philosophy and approach.		
Apply Advance to Zero methods to reduce the number of individuals experiencing homelessness to zero across a community (Assertive Outreach, Common Assessment, By-Name List, Housing First, more of the right housing and support, data-informed prevention and improvement).		
Provide early intervention and preventative services.		

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Actions continued

Actions cont..

Will take

Already taking

Participate in a local Zero Project – where relevant

Help form a new local Zero Project.

Help design services to work better for people.

Improve services to work better for people, including a No Wrong Door approach and low barrier service delivery.

Share stories of people with lived experience.

Participate in Homelessness Week events.

Host a Homelessness Week event.

Volunteer with a local homelessness or support service.

Help develop a local campaign.

Make land available for affordable housing.

Remove planning and zoning barriers to affordable housing development.

Offer stock for Housing First programs.

Provide financial and / or in-kind support to the WAAEH or a local end homelessness project.

Actions not listed – (please share any actions you may already be undertaking)