

Homeshare
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promoting housing for help worldwide



3rd World Homeshare Congress
Rewley House, Oxford, UK
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Congress Report

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1. Delegates

50 delegates from 12 different countries attended the Congress, and a further 15 came to some sessions or to the social events. Countries that were represented were:

UK	Switzerland
France	Germany
Belgium	Australia
Ireland	Japan
Spain	USA
Italy	Canada

Of these, all had at least one active Homeshare programme at the time of the Congress and represent all but two of the world's Homeshare-active countries.

2. Outline of programme, and social programme

The theme of the Congress was "Homeshare: What works? Developing the evidence base for Homeshare". The programme covered 1.5 days and delegates heard 8 keynote addresses, participated in 2 of 6 workshops, and heard 10 updates from national representatives.

A short session to commemorate HI founder, Nan Maitland, was led by Dan Tapsell and Cathy Mandaza, both of whom had been active in the Homeshare movement in London in its early days.

3. Social programme

The highlight of the social programme was the tour of Oxford, conducted by Alastair Lack. Delegates were shown some of the most iconic buildings and views of the University and a few Colleges. Here is Alastair, with some of the group, outside Trinity College.



Following the tour, delegates, and guests were welcomed to dinner in the dining hall at Kellogg College



4. Outline of talks and workshops

Keynote addresses:

- The Case for Evaluation: Professor Malcolm Johnson
- Success criteria, evaluating your programme: Beris Campbell
- Evaluation of Viure I Conviure (vive y Convive) homeshare programme in Barcelona: Professor Mariano Sanchez
- Homeshare in a local policy context: Sara Livadeas
- Homeshare in a national policy context: Alex Fox
- Rescue of Care for the Elderly: Professor Heinz Wolff
- Advancing Age and Solidarity between generations: Michel Billé
- Homeshare in times of economic hardship: Alfonso Fajardo

Workshops:

- Developing and expanding a Homeshare programme: Typhaine and Alain de Penfentenyo, ensemble2générations, France and Claire and Regis de Kerautem, 1 toit 2 ages, Belgium
- Start up challenges: Cheryl Snider, Calgary HomeShare, Canada and Beris Campbell, HANZA, Australia
- Homeshare: Stand alone or part of a wider service providing organisation: Paul Cann, Age UK Oxfordshire, and Audrey Heard, Homeshare West, UK

- National Networks: Alex Fox, UK Homeshare Association and Helmut Baumgartl, Wohnen fur Hilfe, Germany
- Evaluation of your programme – what are success criteria? Mariano Sanchez, University of Granada, Spain
- Compelling case for support: the social return on investment (SROI) formula as applied to Homeshare – Steven E George

Three useful tips from Homeshare programmes around the world

- Rebecca Sheppard, National Shared Housing Resource Center, USA
- Cheryl Snider, Calgary HomeShare, Canada
- Helmut Baumgartl, Wohnen fur Hilfe, Konstanz, Germany
- Alain and Typhaine de Penfentenyo, ensemble2générations, France
- Claire and Regis de Kerautem, 1toit2ages, Belgium
- Alfonso Fajardo, Solidarios NGO, Madrid, Spain
- Beris Campbell, HANZA, Australia
- Keiko Katagiri, Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation, Tokyo, Japan
- Angelo Mussoni, AltreStrada, Padua, Italy
- Alex Fox, Shared Lives Plus and UK Homeshare Association

5. Analysis of feedback forms

22 feedback forms were received, and were overwhelmingly positive about the arrangements and content for the Congress. The most popular keynote speakers were Beris Campbell, Mariano Sanchez and Heinz Wolff and the most popular workshops were “Start up Challenges” and “Social Return on Investment”.

There were a number of suggestions for the next Congress, including the need to provide more networking time in the programme, and also more “how to” sessions, so that those new to Homeshare can learn from the more experienced. Matching up newcomers with more experienced delegates would also help those new to Homeshare, or still in the research stage. The participation of householder/ homesharer matches would also be of interest.

Exhibition space, or sharing tables were requested – “Allow for a sharing fair or tables where organisations can leave or display their tools, e.g. application forms, reporting tools, marketing material”

6. A few well chosen photographs



Trustees of Homeshare International, left to right Professor Malcolm Johnson, Chair, Hilary Todd (UK), Alain de Penfentenyo (France), Elizabeth Mills, Director, Beris Campbell (Australia) and Martin Beck (Germany) with the Congress banner



Chair of Homeshare International, and of the Congress, Professor Malcolm Johnson, delivering the first plenary session

7. Follow on day with the Japanese delegates

On Monday 8th July, Cathy Mandaza of CV Inspires escorted all the Japanese delegates (8 in total) to visit a householder in Blackheath, south east London. The benefit for these delegates was to see a Homeshare match "in action". The householder, an elderly widow, had been used to having lodgers for many years, so was familiar with sharing her house. She was able to offer an insight to the advantages of having a homesharer, and show us her home. The support she needs is the companionship of another person overnight, when she panics when alone. When asked the difference between the lodger and the homesharer, she explained that the lodger had a key to her bedroom door, and came and went as

she wished; the homesharer does not lock her bedroom door, and tells her when she will be home each day. It gave a fascinating insight to the workings of a Homeshare match.



Elizabeth Mills, Director of Homeshare International, and Cathy Mandaza, of CV Inspires Homeshare Programme escorted the Japanese delegation to meet a householder in Blackheath on the Monday following the Congress (photo © CV Inspires)

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