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Dr Martin Beck, Beck Management Centre and Trustee Homeshare International

Martin Beck has been in the not for profit sector most of his professional life, serving on boards and in executive posts, teaching Non-profit Management at several universities, publishing in German trade papers and working as executive consultant to managements and boards.

He is a trustee of Homeshare International and provides liaison between the Germany “Wohnen für Hilfe” projects and HI. Martin is Honorary Professor at Nürtingen University (Germany). As treasurer of EU Consult, the association of consultants to the non profit sector, he is also active at a European level.

Heike Bermond, University of Koln, Germany

A native of Cologne, Heike has been project co-ordinator for Wohnen fur Hilfe (Homeshare) in Cologne with Sandra Wiegeler since May 2009.

With a background in special education and art therapy, Heike has also worked in rehabilitation, psychiatry and gerontology. Since 1999 she has been a research partner at the centre of Gerontology at the University of Cologne. A university initiative, Homeshare in Cologne dates from 2005. Long-term funding for the project was secured from the City of Cologne in December 2008, and the project co-ordinators started work in May 2009.

Beris Campbell, OAM, HANZA Director, Trustee Homeshare International

In 2000 Beris founded the highly successful Homeshare program in Melbourne, Australia. She retired from managing the program in December 2010. She has continued her involvement with Homeshare through the Homeshare Australia and New Zealand Alliance – HANZA. In June 2011 the Australian Government recognised her achievements by awarding her the medal of the Order of Australia: “For service to aged persons through the Wesley Homeshare Program.”

She is also actively involved in Homeshare at the international level as a Trustee of Homeshare International. Beris is a qualified social worker with a BA and Dip Social Studies, Melbourne University. For over 20 years Beris managed community services in Local Government for which she was awarded a Centenary Medal in April 2003 and in 2008 her contribution was recognized by Rotary International as a Paul Harris Fellow. She maintains her involvement in her local community on the boards of social housing and aged care organizations. She is passionate about Homeshare as it combines her aged care concerns with her housing interests.

Kirby Dunn, Executive Director, Homeshare Vermont

Kirby has been with HomeShare Vermont since 2000. She has over 25 years of experience working with non-profit housing and social service organizations. Prior to HomeShare Vermont she directed the Homeownership Program at the Champlain Housing Trust, the largest community land trust in the US. Before that she worked for 14 years at the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO), a regional anti-poverty agency, where she developed and led a number of different housing programs and services. She has served on the boards of directors of CVOEO, the Community of Vermont Elders, The National Shared Housing Resource Center, and on the Advisory Board for the Foster Grandparents/RSVP programs. She has a BA from the University of Vermont.
Alex Fox, Chief Executive of Shared Lives Plus (formerly NAAPS) and co-ordinator of UK Homeshare Association

Alex is CEO of Shared Lives Plus (formerly NAAPS), the UK network of very small, family and community based care and support solutions for older and disabled people. NAAPS’ membership includes Shared Lives schemes, care and support ‘micro-enterprises’ and Homeshare. It also has a social enterprise, Community Catalysts. Alex sits on the National Programme Board for Think Local, Act Personal, the sector agreement on transforming care and support.

Alex was Director of Policy and Communications for The Princess Royal Trust for Carers and he still sits on the Standing Commission on Carers. Alex is a board member of the Health Hotel collaboration and an editorial board member of Working with Older People, Journal of Integrated Care and DotGovLabs Innovation Hub. He is a visiting lecturer at Nottingham University and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. He enjoys rock climbing and writing. His blog is at http://alexfoxblog.wordpress.com/ and he writes a monthly Community Care column.

John Galvin, Chief Executive of the Elderly Accommodation Counsel, UK and Sponsor 2nd World Homeshare Congress

John Galvin has run the UK charity EAC since 1992. EAC provides information, advice and support to older people and their families to help them arrange housing, support or care to meet their needs in older age. It runs a national website (www.housingcare.org) and telephone advice service, and links closely with an increasing number of local organisations within its FirstStop Advice network. John is keen to explore how EAC can promote homesharing in the UK – to professionals, to older people and to their families.

Malcolm Johnson, Chairman, Homeshare International

Malcolm Johnson who is currently Visiting Professor of Gerontology and End of Life Care at the University of Bath, has been Professor of Health and Social Policy at the University of Bristol (now Emeritus) since 1995. From 1984 – 95 he was Professor of Health and Social Welfare and Dean of the School of Health and Social Welfare at the Open University. His research and academic interests are wide, including the social aspects of health and illness, biographical studies, social policy analysis, death and dying and his major specialism, ageing and the lifespan. Of his ten books and over 160 monographs, chapters and articles, more than half relate to ageing.

He is a former Secretary of the British Society of Gerontology and Founding Editor of the international journal Ageing and Society. He is Director of the International Institute on Health and Ageing. An elected Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences (AcSS), he is also Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and Founding Fellow of the British Society of Gerontology. His most recent book is The Cambridge Handbook of Age and Ageing.

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Professor i. Anne-Lotte Kreickemeier M.A., Founder of Homeshare “Wohnen für Hilfe” in Germany and Patron of Homeshare International

Professor Kreickemeier is professor emeritus of the University of Applied Sciences, Darmstadt, Germany. After studying politics, history and English in Freiburg, Glasgow and Hamburg she worked for five years at the Deutsche Angestellten Gewerkschaft – a labour union – in Hamburg and Frankfurt. From 1971 until her retirement in 2004 she was professor at the department of social pedagogics of the Fachhochschule Darmstadt.

A main focus of her research and teaching was to find ways to foster understanding and cooperation across generations. Under her guidance, a group of students and senior citizens taking classes at the universities of Darmstadt developed in 1990/91 the ‘Wohnen für Hilfe’ project, a forerunner of Homeshare. When learning about the English equivalent several years later, she helped found Homeshare International and joined the board of trustees.

Cathy Mandaza, Homeshare Crossroads Care CNL, London, UK

Cathy Mandaza has been working in Social Care – both in the private and voluntary sectors – for the past 15 years. She began her tenure with Homeshare in London in 2000, firstly as a Co-ordinator and later as a Homeshare manager. During this time Homeshare went through several mergers – firstly with London Care Connections, then with Vitalise and most recently Crossroad Care Camden. Cathy is currently managing the Homeshare Service at Crossroads Care Central and North London.

For many years, Cathy has been actively involved in voluntary work and was a committee member for the Strategic Ethnic Alliance, which helped to facilitate partnerships between Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities, voluntary organisations and the London Borough of Southwark. Cathy also served on the committee of The Torch Trust, a Christian organisation for blind individuals based in Southwark and was an active volunteer with The African Child Association. Cathy has a Degree and Masters in Business Administration and attained a level 4 NQV and a Registered Managers Award in Health and Social Care. She has completed a course in Preparing to Teach in a Life Line Sector and is working towards completing the A1 Assessor course which will enable her to be a qualified Assessor in the social care industry.

Elizabeth Mills, OBE, Honorary Director and Trustee, Homeshare International

Elizabeth has been working in the non-profit sector in the UK for 26 years. She led the development of Research into Ageing, the UK medical research charity, for 16 years and following its merger with Help the Aged (now part of Age UK) she set up her own business advising charities on all aspects of governance communications and fundraising. Eminence Grise now has seven associates and a wide range of clients.

An enthusiastic volunteer, Elizabeth is also a trustee of Barchester Healthcare Foundation, Auditory Verbal UK and Bulldog Rescue and Re-homing Trust. She is also a volunteer prison visitor and active in her local church, the Oxford Oratory. She was awarded the OBE by HM The Queen for services to ageing research in 2002.
Alain de Penfentenyo, joint founder of ensemble2generations, Paris, and Trustee of Homeshare International

A civil engineer, Alain is a senior executive in a consulting engineering firm. After 15 years in Africa, he is currently in charge of projects in Europe. In 2006 he and his wife, Typhaine founded ensemble2generations in Paris, and he has been its president from the organisation’s inception since December 2009. In January 2011 they founded “Federation ensemble2générations”, to give support to the setting up of new programs under the name ensemble2générations in France. He joined the board of trustees of Homeshare International in 2009.

Sandra Wiegeler, University of Koln, Germany

Born and brought up in Beckum, Sandra was project co-ordinator of Wohnen fur Hilfe (Homeshare) in Cologne 2005-2008 and with Heike she established the present programme, supported by the City Council. Her educational background is in special education and the rehabilitation of people living with disability. Her work initially was in the field of IT in the re-insurance industry.