

International Mayors Council on Homelessness



The Progress: Global Advocacy on Homelessness

2019 – the 58th Commission on Social Development (CSocD) selects *Affordable Housing and Social Protection Floors for All to Address Homelessness* as their annual theme

2020 – UN Commission on Social Development convenes and discusses the theme; passes resolution that describes homelessness, calls for data, calls for comprehensive policies and programmes

2021 – The General Assembly passes a twin resolution; requires the Secretary General to report back in two years

2023 – The Secretary General releases his report which reviews existing policies and knowledge across the world and concluded barriers to ending homelessness remain high, calls for better multi-level governance, local and international cooperation, and strengthening policy and strategy by explicitly recognizing homelessness as a priority within the development of social protection systems and floors

2024 – International Mayors Council on Homelessness signs Joint Declaration

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Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, England, Chair

Ras Baraka, Mayor of Newark, USA

Allan Casey, Council Member from Glasgow, Scotland

Tom Copley, Deputy Mayor of London, England

Gerardo Espindola, Mayor of Arica, Chile

Tod Gunther, Deputy Mayor of Orting, Washington

Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris, France

Claire Holland, Council Leader of Lambeth, England

Tom Hunt, Council Leader of Sheffield, England

Micky Murray, Lord Mayor of Belfast, Northern Ireland

Ricardo Nunes, Mayor of São Paulo, Brazil

Daniel Sazonov, Deputy Mayor of Helsinki, Finland

Amarjeet Sohi, Mayor of Edmonton, Canada

International Mayors Council on Homelessness Aims

- Discuss the role of Mayors and city governments in ending homelessness and how mayors can catalyze progress through data, collaboration and evidenced-based interventions
- Inform homelessness policy on a local, national, and international level and promote advocacy work of cities
- Connect homelessness to the work in other sectors to increase collaboration to address the intersectional nature of homelessness including in the sustainable development goals
- Center equity and citizens who have lived experience of homelessness
- Build capacity for cities to implement programs at scale
- Create opportunities for cities to access resources and unlock new funding

Mayors Council Joint Declaration

On June 20, the inaugural members of the International Mayors Council on Homelessness met in Paris to discuss and sign a joint declaration affirming each leader's commitment to ending homelessness and calling for global action on the issue.



Declaration Priorities:

1. Support action on homelessness at the local, national, and global level.
2. Address racism, marginalization and stigma impacting people experiencing homelessness.
3. Define and enumerate homelessness and utilize analysis to create more effective, data-informed programs.
4. Commit to multi-sectoral collaboration and multi-level governance.
5. Broaden prevention strategies.
6. Expand access to housing initiatives, co-produced with local stakeholders
7. Connect homelessness with human rights and international agendas.