

# THE JIGSAW OF HOMELESS SUPPORT

People who have experienced homelessness face challenges that are not just about housing. They can suffer chronic social isolation, poor physical and mental health and lack of autonomy. The arts can build well-being, strengthen social networks, challenge public perceptions and enable people's voice to be heard.

Homelessness support tends to be hierarchical with most urgent, practical needs coming first. In reality, people with multiple needs require multiple solutions right from the outset, where they can choose from a jigsaw of options.

## Why arts and creativity?

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**A HUMAN RIGHT**  
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**A POSITIVE IDENTITY**
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**IMPROVED PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS**
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**SELF-EXPRESSION**
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**INCREASED WELLBEING**
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**GREATER SOCIAL INCLUSION**



## Mission

Arts & Homelessness International works to bring positive change to people, projects and policy in homelessness, through arts and creativity.

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