



THE HOMESHARE WORLD COMES TO MELBOURNE

Successful Homeshare programs from around the globe are coming to Melbourne on 5th and 6th November 2015 for the 4th World Homeshare Congress.

For the first time in World Homeshare Congress history, the event is taking place outside of Europe, with representatives from eight countries already locked in to attend and present case studies.

This is a fantastic opportunity to do a World Homeshare study tour in one place!

All programs will give presentations on their history, how they run and what they have achieved. Homeshare practitioners and managers responsible for the programs will be on hand for questions and discussion. See over the page for more details on which programs have confirmed their attendance to date.

Thought-provoking papers will be given on topics such as *Why HOMESHARE warrants a worldwide movement* and *The economic and political significance of Homeshare in Australia*.

We're also thrilled to announce that renowned social commentators Patricia and Don Edgar and demographer Bob Birrell will participate in what is sure to be a riveting discussion on the topic "Homeshare's time has come" on Day 2 of the Congress.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

**Take advantage of our early bird offer by registering
before 30th July 2015 and receive a 21% discount
(or a 25% discount for Homeshare International members).**

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THE WORLD HOMESHARE STUDY TOUR

The following Homeshare programs have confirmed their attendance at the Congress and will be on display. They will present their stories and share their achievements, lessons and advice.

USA



HomeShare Vermont is a star performer, successfully homeshare matching since 1982. That's more than 30 years of wisdom to impart! HSV is unusual for being an agency wholly devoted to Homeshare matching, with matching done by its experienced team of volunteers lead by a skilled staff coordinator. The Vermont program inspired the first Homeshare program in London, UK which in turn was the inspiration for the first Homeshare program in Victoria, Australia. There is so much to learn from HomeShare Vermont!



HIPhousing, Human Investment Program - San Mateo CA.

HIP Housing's mission is to invest in human potential by improving the housing and lives of people in its community. It has served 55,000 people through its Home Sharing program since 1979.



ALA – affordable living for the aging – Los Angeles CA

Founder of ALA, Janet Witkin, was struck back in 1978 with the inadequacy of options for her frail and isolated grandfather and was inspired to create the first cooperative living house for seniors in Los Angeles and followed that up with a home share program matching seniors with room to spare with other adults seeking affordable housing, company. Thirty years later ALA is leading the country in defining 'best practice' for Homesharing programs.

UK



Shared Lives Plus – UK Homeshare Association

Homeshare was introduced to the UK by the founder of HI, the late Nan Maitland, in London in 1993. There are now more than a dozen programs linked by a national network, the UK Homeshare Association, which is run by Shared Lives Plus. Nowhere illustrates the fragility of homeshare better than the UK where insecurity of funding has been a huge issue. A £2m project is currently underway funded by the Lloyds Bank Foundation together with the Big Lottery to develop 5 HS projects around the UK focusing on the sustainability and viable business models.

FRANCE



ensemble2générations - (together 2 generations) – was founded in Paris In 2006 to encourage homesharing between elderly householders and students. In 2011 a Federation was created to help new autonomous programs to develop throughout France under the name ensemble2générations. Today there are 9 branches of E2G in the Paris region and 15 in Provence. Since the beginning in 2006, more than 2300 matches have been made.

BELGIUM



1 toit 2 âges began in Brussels in July 2009. Three years later it expanded into Wallonia, the predominantly French speaking southern region of Belgium. The program has grown and is now available in 9 Belgian cities. The team behind 1 toit 2 âges is made up of a wide variety of professionals including lawyers, social workers, journalists – each providing expertise, sensitivity and good listening skills.

GERMANY

Wohnen für Hilfe in Deutschland

Wohnpartnerschaften zwischen Jung und Alt
und Alt und Jung

Wohnen für Hilfe - Freiburg-Schwarzwald

After Darmstadt and Munich, Freiburg was the third city in Germany to offer a Homeshare program but the first to be run by student services. Initially intended to bring together the elderly and students, the program now also matches families, single parents, those who are working and people with a disability.

WfH programs now operate in 28 towns across Germany and the model has been awarded the “Hochschulperle of December 2013” as well as being a finalist in the “Deutscher Engagementpreis 2014”.

SPAIN



Solidarios para el Desarrollo is a not-for-profit NGO founded in 1987 and linked to Complutense University, Madrid. Its objectives are to encourage volunteering and to raise awareness of issues of social justice and solidarity, developing for this purpose, intervention programs with different groups, particularly elderly people. One of its most significant achievements is a homeshare program established in 1995 in Madrid, matching older people and students. Fifteen different homeshare programs are now operating in Spain. They are working together to form a national network to look at introducing a Social Enterprise model similar to the French and Belgian programs to encourage growth and expansion of Homeshare in Spain.

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