



Vincentian Family
Global Initiative on Homelessness
PROJECT PLAN

Our Vision

Our vision is that everyone has a place to call home and a stake in their community.

Our Project Aims

- To make a real and sustainable difference to the lives of thousands of homeless people;
- To connect Vincentians working across the broad spectrum of homelessness;
- To support and develop existing and emerging leaders;
- To share best practice and research;
- To encourage and support the growth of new and innovative services;
- To support lobbying at a local, regional and global level in support of homelessness;
- To develop and make available formation materials in support of this initiative with respect to spirituality.

Our Strategies

(1)Using Measurement & Data	2017	2018	2019
(1.1) Create a global map and database of existing Vincentian projects working in homelessness in order to analyze current investment in this area and to plan future outcome and impact measurements for the initiative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning April 1st, we will work in collaboration with the VFO (Vincentian Family Office) in Philadelphia to proactively survey and map existing Vincentian projects in the larger organizations/religious orders working in the area of homelessness. • Building on the existing database of the VF Office, add information relating to homelessness and build in a functionality to deliver reports around key performance indicators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In January, presentation of preliminary map to Heads of Vincentian Family at their Annual Meeting. • Extend mapping survey to smaller organizations/religious orders within the Vincentian Family. • Continue to update database. • Using the baseline information from mapping and the database produce first proposal on outcome and impact measurement for the Initiative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve outcome and impact measurements at January Annual Heads of Vincentian Family meeting. • Complete mapping and database exercise and continue to update changes as appropriate. • Map and updates to be reported annually to the Heads of Vincentian Family. • Develop presentational materials for Heads of the Vincentian Family with key statistics.
(1.2) Develop and update a global contacts list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the VFO in Philadelphia, develop a contact list of key stakeholders in homelessness within the Vincentian Family for ongoing communication. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and update the contact list. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and update the contact list.

(2) Planning together	2017	2018	2019
<p>(2.1) Host an International conference for Vincentians working in homelessness to build networks, share best practice and consult them in developing a work plan in the areas of street homelessness, refugees and slum dwellers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In consultation with existing providers of homeless services in the Vincentian Family, draft a proposed conference program. • Draw up a preliminary guest list. • Investigate venues and timing for the conference and an outline budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present conference proposal to the Heads of the Vincentian Family at January meeting for amendment and approval. • Hold the conference in the second half of 2018. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of conference and proposed work plans in areas of street homelessness, refugees and slum dwellers presented to the heads of Vincentian Family at their January meeting.
<p>(2.2) Select a Commission of thought leaders in homelessness from the Vincentian Family to oversee and advise on the project reporting to the Annual Heads of Vincentian Family meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In consultation with the VF Office and the Heads of the Vincentian Family, agree to appoint Vincentian Family members to Commission. • Develop terms of reference for the Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce a visual diagram and a list of shared objectives that indicate the relationships among the different stakeholders within the VF. • Submit quarterly report for comments and challenge and coordinate the Commission's virtual meetings. • Arrange two meetings annually with papers in advance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit quarterly report for comments and challenge and coordinate the Commission's virtual meetings. • Arrange two meetings annually with papers in advance. • Review membership and make changes as appropriate.

(3) Build Global Capacity	2017	2018	2019
(3.1) Appoint Project Development Manager to oversee this initiative within Depaul International and realign existing roles in support of this project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yasmine Cajuste will be appointed on a three-year consultancy contract from 1st April 2017. • Develop a new organizational structure for Depaul International in order to deliver this project effective 28 June 2017 (see appendix attached to this document). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint Communications Manager and agree work plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review structure and make changes as appropriate.
(3.2) Produce a short film in multiple translation showcasing best practice of the Vincentian Family in the different areas of homelessness linked to an online toolkit and consultancy service encouraging groups to develop new services at an international, regional, national or local level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree proposal with DePaul Film School to produce and direct the film. • Agree storyboard with the Commission. • Develop a proposal for the online toolkit and consultancy services in support of the film upon release. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take forward the proposals on the film, toolkit and consultancy services to the Annual Heads of the Vincentian Family meeting in January for comment and approval. • Film Completed by June 2018 and launched at the planned conference (see 2.1). • Initial toolkit for practitioners available online at a link to both DPI and VF websites by September 2018. • Consultancy services beginning to be delivered in last quarter of 2018. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review effectiveness of the film. • Continue to add to the online toolkit. • Consider and respond to requests for consultancy.
(3.3) Organize and host a series of strategic planning conferences regionally and nationally and assist local family members to develop their own local plan to respond to homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a strategic planning model for a two-day workshop with regional/national gatherings of the Vincentian Family. • Agree potential countries where the workshop might be piloted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree strategic planning model and one pilot country at Annual Meeting of the Heads of the Vincentian Family. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review pilot and refine model. • With agreement of Vincentian Family, agree 3-5 Strategic planning conferences annually.
(3.4) In consultation with leaders of the Global Vincentian Family, agree a protocol and delivery mechanism as to how the Vincentian Family might respond to global humanitarian crises with a particular focus on the provision of shelter and primary services such as health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft a protocol on how the Vincentian Family might respond to humanitarian crisis in a coordinated manner globally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the protocol at the Annual Meeting of the heads of the Vincentian Family for comment and decision. • If approved, develop a work plan for more integrated approach. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree work plan and deliver on the actions agreed.

(4) Institute of Global Homelessness	2017	2018	2019
<p>(4.1) Align the resources of the Institute of Global Homelessness to serve this Vincentian Family initiative in providing training for emerging and existing leaders, giving access to the planned Online Homelessness Hub (of research and best practice), and invitations to issue based (e.g. advocacy or fundraising) and/or geographically focused symposiums.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend an invitation to emerging leaders within the Vincentian Family to attend the emerging leaders program held annually at DePaul University. • Invite established leaders in homelessness within the Vincentian Family to the IGH bi-annual conference sharing best practice and ideas. • Invitations to Vincentian Family members to locally based events in countries where the IGH is working. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the IGH Online Homelessness Hub sharing up to date research and best practice translated into the principal world languages. • See previous column. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See previous columns.
<p>(4.2) Invite the Vincentian Family members in cities which are part of the IGH 150 cities campaign to play their part in ending homelessness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect with the Vincentian Family in the initial 10 pilot cities (e.g. Adelaide) to discuss what part they might play in helping to end homelessness in their cities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help to develop an action plan for the VF in those cities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the involvement of the VF in advance of the next 25 cities being announced.
<p>(4.3) Plan and deliver a Symposium on Street Homelessness and Catholic Social Teaching at the Vatican to promote debate and action within faith groups and beyond.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In November, the IGH along with DePaul University and the other Vincentian Universities globally will host and finance a Symposium on “Street Homelessness and Catholic Social Teaching” at the Vatican. This is being highlighted as a celebration of the 400th Year of the Charism and as one of the launching pads for the initiative. Members of the Vincentian Family will contribute papers as will Pope Francis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish the papers from the conference with potential for either an encyclical or a world peace day message. • Disseminate the key conclusions through a media campaign both to church institutions and a wider audience e.g. UN, EU. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to follow through to ensure action results e.g. conferences, keynote speeches at events.

(5) Encouraging Structural Change	2017	2018	2019
(5.1) Assist in the hosting of an event at the EU to officially announce the homeless initiative and begin to develop lobbying and funding capacity in this forum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in announcing the initiative at an event for the Vincentian family at EU Parliament on 28th June. Establish ongoing contacts with the European Union Parliament/Commission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to meet and lobby at the EU on behalf of homelessness and in particular for more resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See previous column.
(5.2) In consultation with the existing Vincentian Family delegations at the UN, agree a work plan in the area of global homelessness linked to concrete outcomes (e.g. a measurement of street homelessness as part of the Sustainable Development Goals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary meeting with the Vincentian Family delegations at the UN in New York in early June to agree a protocol to work together. Produce a work plan for agreement by the Heads of Vincentian Family. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulate plan for approval to Heads of Vincentian Family at their Annual Meeting. Action the plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to deliver action plan. Review the collaboration agreement.
(6) Communicating Progress	2017	2018	2019
(6.1) Appoint a Communications Manager and develop a strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop role for a Communications Manager. Agree draft strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint the position. Fine tune strategy. Deliver action plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to deliver action plan.
(6.2) Create a portal within Depaul International and FamVin website as the focal point for the project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult as to best way to display webpages in translation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve plan at Heads of Vincentian Family annual meeting. Develop site and populate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop and review.
(6.3) Produce a twice-yearly newsletter and annual report for leaders of the Vincentian Family.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree launch materials for 400th Anniversary Vincentian gathering in Rome at end of October. Agree format and content for a Christmas newsletter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish twice-yearly newsletter drawing stories from across the Vincentian Family. Publish annual report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See previous column.
(6.4) Produce publicity materials for members of the Vincentian Family to promote initiative within their forums.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce initial launch materials (see 6.3 above) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce an short annual power point presentation with supporting text for Vincentian Family leaders to download and inform members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See previous column.

(7) Formation	2017	2018	2019
(7.1) Develop and make available spiritual formation materials in support of this initiative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a work plan for discussion by the Vincentian Family Commission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and circulate formation materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate and adapt as necessary.
(7.2) Develop and circulate project training materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a work plan for discussion by the Vincentian Family Commission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and circulate training materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue circulation of training materials and review feedback and adapt.