

Proposed book

Finding Home: Policy Options for Addressing Homelessness in Canada

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The quantity and quality of research relating to all aspects of homelessness in Canada has grown dramatically in recent years. However, there is no widely available collection of the best Canadian research and policy analysis on homelessness.

The objective is to bring together the best available research and policy analysis into one widely available non-technical reader. The reader will draw upon and include recently completed research as original material as well as already published research. The objective is to extend the circulation of the best available research to a broader audience by bringing it together in one source.

The general editors (Hulchanski, Hwang, Novac), with the assistance of an editorial board, will determine subject area categories (sections of the book) and identify the best research on those topics (which will become chapters within each section of the book).

Every chapter will be edited into a plain language summary of about 4,000 words. The summaries will be substantive rather than very brief abstracts. This book is not intended to be a popularized brief synopsis of main points or opinions but a sufficiently substantive presentation of research findings to help further inform and educate. It will be a book where readers can start anywhere, depending on the aspect of homelessness they want to learn more about. The book will have a very detailed index.

The book will be published in the same manner and in a similar format as a previous well received CUCS Press book on a related topic: *Finding Room: Policy Options for a Canadian Rental Housing Strategy* (2004). CUCS Press

publishes and widely distributes educational policy relevant books for a broad audience.

The proposed book, tentatively titled *Finding Home: Policy Options for Addressing Homelessness in Canada*, is targeted at a broad, educated audience who wants to know more about homelessness in Canada but does not know where to begin. This is a somewhat specialized audience (rather than the general public) in that they are looking for an improved understanding of one or more aspects of homelessness based on research.

This audience includes: citizens active in related areas wanting to know more about homelessness; volunteers and staff in social agencies and charities who need to know more; elected officials; policy advisors in municipal, provincial and federal government departments (civil servants as well as the advisors to elected officials); journalists, columnists and media people in general; students in general; high school teachers looking for material to use in the classroom; and researchers whose expertise is not homelessness but who need to know about homelessness as context for a related research project.

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