



Depaul International

Impact Report 2025

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Homelessness has no place

A family supported by Onward Home, Depaul International's housing project in partnership with the Vincentian Foundation in the Philippines. Click the image to read more.



Our Mission

We aim to end homelessness and change the lives of those affected by it.

Our Vision

Our vision is of a society in which everyone, across the world, has a place to call home and a stake in their community.

Our Values

Our key values underpin all of the work we do:

We celebrate the potential in people

We put our words into action

We aim to take a wider role in civil society

We believe in rights and responsibilities

Our Roots

Depaul International takes its roots from the 17th century French social reformer St Vincent de Paul, who believed in the intrinsic value of all people and worked tirelessly throughout his life to support the most marginalised. All of the Depaul charities continue to work in the spirit of St Vincent de Paul, bringing a high standard of dignity, compassion and care to those we serve.

Depaul believes homelessness has no place.

Statement of the Chair and Group CEO

When we think about what 'home' means, we know it is more than just having a roof over our heads. It is a place where we can feel stability. A place which gives us dignity. And, in the words of one person supported by Depaul, it's 'a quiet space to hear your own dreams again.'

At Depaul, our vision is of a world where everyone has a place to call home and a stake in their community. It's what we've been working towards since the first Depaul service was set up in 1989. Since then, we've expanded our reach around the world, setting up services in areas where there is little or no provision to support those experiencing homelessness. With homelessness rising around the world, our work feels more urgent than ever. Whilst estimates vary, it's thought that 330 million people around the world are experiencing homelessness. Coordinated action to address homelessness is therefore vital.

Yet, reading this report gives us great hope. In the report, you'll read about how Depaul steps up to implement services where the need is greatest.

This includes opening a shelter in Arkansas, filling a gap left by the closure of another organisation's services. Meanwhile, Depaul Ireland expanded their prisons prevention programme, launching a new service for women in Northern Ireland. These examples show how our national teams identify local needs, responding efficiently by setting up high-quality services. We know that housing-led approaches are vital to ending homelessness, and our teams have continued to embed this approach in their work. In the UK, the team addressed gaps in housing provision by setting up new services in Warrington and Durham. Elsewhere, Depaul Slovakia continued to grow their housing programme, which places those experiencing homelessness into long-term, permanent housing.

Underpinning this work is a person-centred, values-led approach. Experiencing homelessness can often be lonely and isolating, but the stories peppered throughout this report show how our staff create a welcoming community at our services. In 2025, we supported over 39,000

people experiencing homelessness, and we pride ourselves on ensuring that every single person accessing our services is treated with dignity and care. It's hard not to smile at the stories which demonstrate this. This includes the story of a young man in the UK who was supported by his progression coach to reignite his love for cricket, to the testimony of a man supported by Depaul France, who highlights the welcoming atmosphere at their day centre.

At Depaul, we also work with the Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH) and Famvin Homeless Alliance (FHA) and 2025 saw their work go from strength to strength. The FHA continued to grow their 13 Houses Campaign, which sees services for those experiencing homelessness implemented around the world. We're proud to be a partner in the Campaign's housing projects, including a new service in Croatia. IGH continued to advocate for homelessness at an international level, and in September, the UN Secretary General released a report on homelessness.

In 2025, we continued to deliver the Depaul Group Strategic Framework, which focuses on ending homelessness for more people in more places. In partnership with the Vincentian Foundation, we launched Onward Home, our first service in the Philippines which provides housing for families experiencing homelessness. This lays the foundation for Depaul Philippines, which will launch in 2026. We also continued to test innovative approaches to ending homelessness, drawing on the strength of the international Group to test Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) in homelessness services. Looking ahead, 2026 will be a crucial year as we continue to deliver projects across all themes of the strategy. As ever, we remain committed to ensuring those we serve are at the heart of our work and engaging with others who share our vision of a world where everyone has a place to call home and a stake in their community.

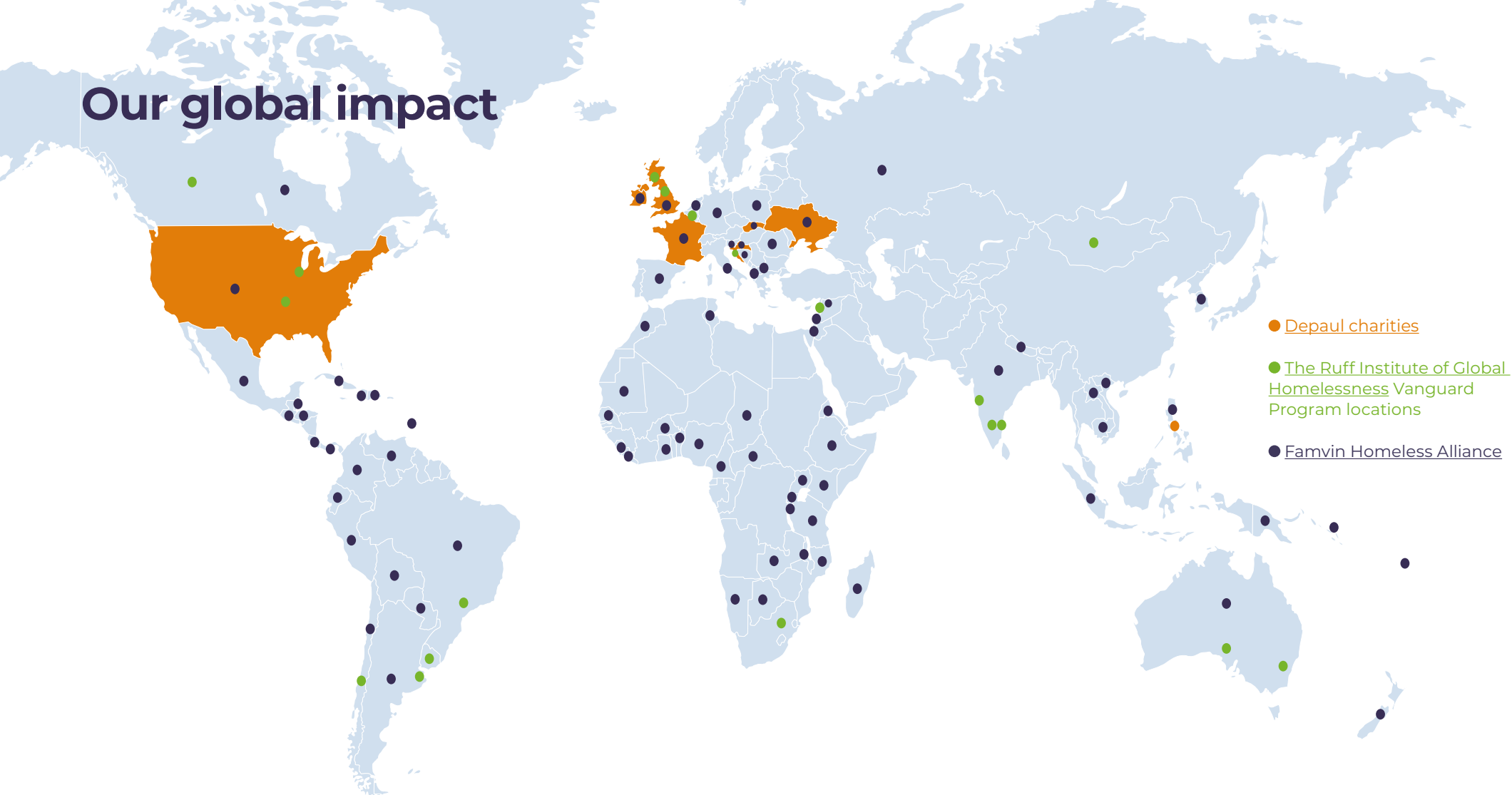
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Our global impact



Since **1989**, we have worked with over **549,500** people experiencing homelessness.

The Depaul Group is made up internationally of **eight** charities. The Group also has a key strategic relationship with the IGH, which focuses on ending homelessness globally by bridging research, policy and practice, and the FHA, mobilising the Vincentian Family across the world to develop new housing and other projects. The IGH's Vanguard Program operates in **18** communities worldwide and the FHA has projects in **79** countries, represented on this map.

In 2025 we...

- Addressed the needs of over **39,300 people** experiencing homelessness.
- Ensured people had access to hygiene and medical services with over **337,000 visits** to our outreach and day centres.
- Responded to homelessness by making **2,750 beds** available every night.
- Provided **458 people** with a permanent place to call home.

Depaul International

Depaul International oversees a group of leading homelessness charities, working across the world with a mission to end homelessness, supporting the most marginalised and improving the lives of those affected by homelessness.

In 2025, Depaul International continued to work with its members and partners to prevent and address homelessness worldwide. Homelessness is a growing global problem which has a devastating impact on the lives of people and communities worldwide. With an estimated 330 million people experiencing homelessness globally, addressing homelessness is urgent. Depaul International responded to this need by implementing new services, trialling innovative approaches, and fostering global collaboration to end homelessness.

2025 was the second year of our strategy, which is focused on ending homelessness for more people in more places via four themes: service, reach, voice, values. The strategy enables us to pursue a local-global agenda, which includes developing high-quality local responses and deepening our understanding of what works to address homelessness. We then use this to influence policy change at a national and international level.

SERVICE

We continued to support Group members high-quality and person-centred services, whilst also deepening our understanding of what works to address homelessness. 2025 saw the launch of our three-year project to implement Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) across services and evaluate its effectiveness at improving client outcomes. ACT is an approach which focuses on supporting individuals to make space for difficult thoughts and take actions aligned

with personal values using simple, flexible tools. The project is a collaboration between Depaul International, Depaul UK, Depaul USA and Depaul Ireland. Phase One of the project took place in 2025, building on Depaul UK's early success with the approach to test, review and inform further development of ACT tools and training.

Elsewhere, the Collective Evidence project continued to progress. Collective Evidence is a collaborative initiative led by Depaul International to develop a shared outcomes framework and toolkit for measuring the impact of homelessness services across diverse national contexts. In 2025, services across multiple countries tested elements of the framework and collected outcomes data with clients, helping us to test and refine the framework ahead of wider implementation.

REACH

We continued to work in partnership to co-develop and scale effective, locally-led solutions to prevent or end homelessness for more people in more places, particularly within the global south. In the Philippines, it's likely that tens of thousands of people are experiencing homelessness. In response to this, we partnered with local agency the Vincentian Foundation to open Onward Home, a housing and livelihoods programme supporting families living on the street.

2025 saw us further build on our partnership with the Vincentian community in the Philippines. We signed a partnership

agreement which laid the foundation to establish Depaul Philippines. Significant progress was made in planning and preparation, and Depaul Philippines is set to launch in December 2026.

VOICE

We have worked to elevate the issue of homelessness globally to change perceptions and inspire action to create systemic change. During 2025, we worked with The Advocacy Team to develop a new global advocacy strategy. The strategy aims to increase global prioritisation and international financing for tackling homelessness as a key international development issue.

We developed our [first flagship global report](#) which demonstrates how homelessness intersects with key development issues including climate change, health and education, and reveals how little international financing currently goes to tackling this issue. In November 2025, together with Depaul Ireland we organised a major event at the European Parliament in Brussels, bringing together Commission officials, MEPs and housing and homelessness organisations to

influence the expected European Affordable Housing Plan. The plan – the first of its kind for the EU – launched in December 2025 with homelessness included as a key priority.

During 2025, we strengthened the Group's communications capacity, delivering a major redesign of the Depaul Group website to improve user journeys and conversion rates and better communicate homelessness to key audiences.

VALUES

In 2025, we completed a two-year review of our Vincentian Values in Leadership course. The course continues to provide high level management training linked to our core values. Staff are offered the opportunity to design a project which brings to life the values in their vicinity. Updated materials and content were piloted with 2025's cohort of staff from Depaul International, Depaul Ireland and Depaul UK. Trained facilitators from across the Group led various sessions, further embedding the content and strengthening the legacy of the values programme. The next task is to extend this training to other parts of the Depaul Group.

“From the streets to a home we can call our own”: supporting families experiencing homelessness in the Philippines

For years, Beth raised her eight children on the pavement beneath a light rail station in Metro Manila. “We were sleeping on the streets,” she recalls. “When it rained, we had to look for temporary shelter where we could stay until the next morning, or at least until the rain stopped.”

2025 saw Depaul International partner with the Vincentian Foundation, a local agency, to launch Onward Home, a housing programme for families experiencing homelessness. At Onward Home, families are provided with up to twelve months of housing. Each family also works with a

social worker to help them move towards living independently, and caregivers are supported to secure a sustainable income through livelihood training. Families also receive a mental health assessment with a psychologist and guidance counsellor, with access to psychological support provided if required.

Nine families were supported during the first six months of Onward Home, including Beth's family. “Now we are living a different and better life,” she says. “From the streets to a home we can call our own, my children are starting to build new dreams.”

Famvin Homeless Alliance and the Institute of Global Homelessness

Depaul International manages the FHA, which mobilises the Vincentian Family across the world to develop new housing and other projects. The Depaul Group also has a key strategic relationship with the IGH, which focuses on ending homelessness globally by bridging research, policy, and practice. Both partnerships were born out of our shared values and commitment to end homelessness and change the lives of those affected by it.

THE FAMVIN HOMELESS ALLIANCE

In 2025, Famvin Homeless Alliance (FHA) reached more communities around the world via their 13 Houses Campaign, which creates housing programmes and services for those experiencing homelessness. The campaign consists of 130 projects in 79 countries, reaching over 11,148 people. Projects include the provision of housing and education, training and employment opportunities which aim to break the cycle of poverty.

To mark the Jubilee Year, FHA implemented the 13 Houses Jubilee Project, which saw new housing projects launched in 13 countries. In Italy, the Abba Father project in Catania opened, which provides temporary accommodation for single fathers. Elsewhere, the Daughters of Charity are building nine 'Houses of Hope' in a small village in Senegal, where families are in urgent need of improved housing. The project also facilitates access to education for children. Meanwhile, in Brazil, the 13 Houses project in Curitiba is undergoing expansion as part of the Jubilee Project. Since 2020, 14 houses have been built and five have been renovated, and a further four houses will be built for the Jubilee project. Employment support and education opportunities will also be incorporated.

During the Pilgrimage of Hope, families housed by the 13 Houses Jubilee Project

travelled to Rome, where they met Pope Leo XIV during the Mass for the World Day of the Poor. The families, from Australia, Brazil, Chile, Italy, Peru, Syria, Senegal and Ukraine, also received symbolic keys which represent the houses built during the 13 Houses Campaign.

From 2026, FHA will begin a new chapter as part of Depaul International. This will bring FHA's advocacy, collaboration and Vincentian engagement together with Depaul International's expertise in service delivery, strong global network and infrastructure.

THE RUFF INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL HOMELESSNESS

In 2025, the Ruff Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH) continued to elevate homelessness as a critical global policy issue, driving international advocacy, strengthening partnerships, and advancing evidence-informed practice. The IGH team engaged in UN-Habitat's Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Adequate Housing for All, as establishing a global homeless definition was set as a priority for 2025-2026. The team worked with UN-Habitat to share data, indicators, and definitions from IGH's Global Homeless Data Map to provide country-level information and guidance to shape the future global definition. Alongside this, IGH continued to work with UN Member States, successfully advocating for the inclusion of

Attendees at a Famvin Homeless Alliance conference.



homelessness in the World Social Summit declaration and the passage of a continuing resolution on homelessness at the UN General Assembly. The resolution supports continued work on homelessness at the UN.

In September 2025, the UN Secretary-General's report on homelessness was released. The report highlighted IGH's work to prevent and end homelessness, spotlighting cities from IGH's flagship Vanguard Program, which sees cities and communities committing to reducing or ending homelessness. The report also highlighted the International Mayors Council on Homelessness, which was co-founded by IGH and UN-Habitat. The report noted the absence of global definition on homelessness and a lack of reliable data as barriers to ending homelessness, referencing IGH's efforts to define and categorize different types of homelessness through the Global Framework for

Understanding Homelessness. In 2025, IGH welcomed two new cities to its Vanguard Program, Lisbon and Cape Town, which now spans 18 communities across six continents. The IGH works with Vanguard cities to set goals to prevent and reduce homelessness, connecting local expertise and innovation with global knowledge. In 2025, the IGH hosted the Vanguard Summit in Santiago, Chile, bringing together partners who shared good practices and lessons learned about data and policies to end homelessness from their local contexts.

In 2025, the IGH also co-hosted the International Journal on Homelessness (IJOH) conference. The conference convened over 400 people from 30 countries to facilitate a global knowledge exchange between those with lived experience of homelessness, researchers and practitioners.

Depaul Croatia

Since its founding in 2018, Depaul Croatia has provided vital support to those experiencing homelessness in Rijeka and, more recently, Lika. In 2025, the team supported 372 people via their day centre, outreach, social enterprise programmes and prisons prevention service.

Every week, music floats through Haven House, Depaul Croatia's day centre in Rijeka, as the client choir holds their weekly rehearsal. At the day centre, activities like this foster a sense of belonging, community and connection – a welcome contrast to the loneliness and isolation that is so often felt by those experiencing homelessness.

Whilst the choir is now in its third year, 2025 saw new activities begin at Haven House. A new drama group, which is vital to improving the confidence of clients, held its first performance in October. Haven House also runs social enterprise programmes, which support those experiencing homelessness to gain the skills needed for employment. This includes the Bread of St Vincent programme, an initiative which sees clients learn how to make bread products. 2025 saw products from the programme placed on the formal market, and a client has been employed to support this work. In 2025, there were 19,203 visits to Haven House.

Elsewhere, Depaul Croatia's prisons prevention service is now well-established in two prisons. The team provides support to those who are at risk of experiencing homelessness upon their release, via small group and individual sessions. 96 people accessed the prisons prevention service in 2025, up from 31 people the previous year. This means that the service is now a considerable proportion of Depaul Croatia's overall provision, with over 25% of their

total clients accessing it. During 2025, the Depaul Croatia team visited Nacro in London, an organisation which runs a similar programme. The trip was an opportunity to share knowledge about prevention services.

Depaul Croatia's first temporary accommodation service is now fully occupied, with residents including one former prisoner, and two former day centre clients – one of whom is now employed by Depaul Croatia. The atmosphere is cooperative and collaborative.

In Rijeka, Depaul Croatia's vital outreach service continued, which sees those sleeping on the streets receive hot meals, hygiene and clothes from a mobile team. The service enables Depaul Croatia to identify those who are newly homeless, build trust with them, and encourage them to seek further support at the day centre. In 2025, there were 752 visits to the outreach service.

In 2025 Depaul Croatia further developed their accommodation offer by opening the House of Benevolence service in Lika. The service, which is part of Famvin Homeless Alliance's 13 Houses Campaign (see page eight for more detail), houses six people at a time. Residents also receive support including life skills training, and occupational therapy. This helps them move towards employment, with the aim that they will retain a sustainable income and be able to enter the private rented sector.



Depaul Croatia clients participating in their H-Garden social enterprise programme. Click the image to watch a video about the programme.

Mirko's story

44-year-old Mirko first encountered Depaul Croatia whilst he was in prison. He was serving a one-year sentence and began participating in Depaul Croatia's prisons prevention programme. "Through one-to-one talks, I began to understand my behavioural patterns... I felt I had strengthened my inner stability and peace, and I felt genuine support from Depaul Croatia's staff."

Upon his release from prison, Mirko initially felt motivated, but began pushing himself too far. "Trying to fix... [everything] in just two months brought me to the brink of psychological and physical instability,"

he says. "I saw my life collapsing before my eyes and again asked for the help of Depaul Croatia, who answered my call for help. I realised that I needed to take things one step at a time."

Now, Mirko is once again connected to Depaul Croatia's services, where he receives support from the team. "Here at Depaul, they teach me to understand myself better, to work on myself. Most importantly, you receive acceptance and support throughout the entire process," says Mirko. "Right now, I'm going through a lovely time with wonderful people, working on myself, and that's what's important to me."

Depaul Ireland

Over the past 24 years, Depaul Ireland has grown from a small, Dublin-based charity to being a significant leader in addressing homelessness across the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. In 2025, Depaul Ireland supported 8,204 people experiencing homelessness through their 44 services.

Accessing financial services can be complex, but even more so for those experiencing homelessness. Having no stable address and a lack of access to personal identification documents can mean that they are unable to open bank or post office accounts. That's why, when one woman experiencing homelessness couldn't access a bank account, she was supported by an advocate from Depaul Ireland's Homeless Health Peer Advocacy programme service, who advocated on her behalf and helped her navigate systems more confidently. This led her to successfully opening a post office account.

People with lived experience can support those experiencing homelessness with great understanding and compassion, and Depaul Ireland's peer services recognise this. In 2025, the Homeless Health Peer Advocacy (HHPA) programme continued in Dublin, Cork and Derry. Through the HHPA programme, peer advocates support those experiencing homelessness to make and attend health appointments.

As one of the leading providers of homelessness services in the Republic of Ireland (ROI) and Northern Ireland, 2025 saw Depaul Ireland continue to provide much-needed support to those experiencing homelessness. In 2025, the team supported 8,204 people through their work.

The team continued to provide housing for families with children, directly responding

to growing need. In June, a record 5,583 children were reported to be experiencing homelessness in the ROI. Across all Depaul Ireland services, 50 units of accommodation for families were available in 2025. At Rendu Apartments, Depaul Ireland's family accommodation service in Dublin, families are appointed a keyworker who develops a support plan for their stay. This plan covers areas such as parenting, child development, and life skills, with the aim of moving families into permanent accommodation.

Elsewhere, 2025 was a milestone year as the team marked 20 years of service in Northern Ireland. Depaul Ireland has a network of 10 services in Northern Ireland, including low-threshold harm reduction services, outreach programmes, and family support services. In the past ten years alone, Depaul Ireland's services in Northern Ireland have supported nearly 4,500 people experiencing homelessness and facilitated just under 2,000 exits from emergency accommodation into permanent housing.

2025 also saw Depaul Ireland expand provision in Northern Ireland, with a new service supporting women exiting prison launching. Encouraged by the success of a similar initiative in the ROI, the service is the first of its kind in Northern Ireland. The project aims to break the cycle of recidivism, helping women to integrate back into society before moving onto permanent homes. In 2025, Depaul Ireland supported 42 people via their prisons service.

Depaul Ireland marks 20 years of work in Northern Ireland. Click the image to find out more.



James's story

Relationship breakdowns can place people at risk of homelessness, especially if they have nowhere to go and a limited support system. When James's marriage broke down, he found himself alone and trying to care for his six-month-old twins. At times, he felt that he couldn't cope, and he was referred to Depaul Ireland's Homeless Families service.

The Homeless Families service provides support based on individual family needs. This can include support developing independent living skills, parenting and child development classes, alcohol harm reduction, and mental health support. The service

focuses on getting families moved into permanent accommodation.

With the help of a Child Support Worker, James's confidence grew. The babies grew into happy toddlers and James, a talented cook, helped to provide healthy home-cooked meals for the children and families in the hostel.

After almost two years, James and his young family moved into their permanent home. James is now a volunteer for Depaul, and has become a positive role model, not only for his children, but for the other single fathers accommodated in the hostel.

Depaul Slovakia

Since its founding in 2006, Depaul Slovakia has been providing essential services for those experiencing homelessness. Depaul Slovakia operates the largest low-threshold night shelter in central Europe, as well as housing and outreach services. In 2025, the team supported over 2,470 people experiencing homelessness.

Every year, Depaul Slovakia's low-threshold night shelter buzzes with activity as the Doma Dobre event takes place. During Doma Dobre, the doors of the shelter open to the public, with the team hosting talks to raise awareness about homelessness in Slovakia. Depaul Slovakia's clients also play an active role at Doma Dobre, leading workshops on knitting and teaching people to make waste-free firelighters.

Involving clients at Doma Dobre is testament to Depaul Slovakia's services providing more than only material support. Through creative workshops, cooking classes and cultural excursions, Depaul Slovakia supports clients to develop transferable skills, foster social connections and improve confidence. At St Louise shelter, an accommodation service for those with health needs, group guitar lessons are a regular occurrence. The lessons are run by a former resident of St Louise, who rediscovered his love for music whilst living there. Now, thanks to Depaul Slovakia's housing integration programme, he has a home of his own and regularly returns to St Louise to run the sessions. 2025 also saw residents regularly visit the Slovak National Gallery, where they took part in art workshops run by local artists. In 2025, there were 35 beds available at St Louise shelter.

Depaul Slovakia continued to provide those experiencing homelessness with a place to stay at their St Vincent de Paul night

shelter. The night shelter has not closed for a single night since it opened in 2006. As well as a place to sleep, clients can also access support to secure employment, benefits and pensions. Alongside this, Depaul Slovakia organises sessions in cooperation with the Slovak Catholic Charity as part of the STOP Human Trafficking project. In 2025, 1,409 people were provided with a safe place to stay at the night shelter.

Evidence from around the world shows that a housing-led approach is the most effective way to address homelessness, which is why 2025 saw the expansion of Depaul Slovakia's housing integration programme. The programme places those experiencing long-term homelessness into independent, permanent housing, providing additional support as needed. In 2025, six new apartments were added to the programme, and 21 people accessed the service.

2025 was also the first full year of operation for Depaul Slovakia's community centre in Záhorská Ves. Záhorská Ves has a large Roma community, who are the centre's main client group. The centre provides counselling, legal support and assists families to prepare their children for school. In 2025, there were 13,429 visits to all Depaul Slovakia's day centres. Across all of Depaul Slovakia's services, 2,471 people were supported – a 12.3% increase from 2024.



Depaul Slovakia staff at Doma Dobre festival.

Kristián's story

Kristián spent his childhood living in a foster home, but he had to leave when he turned 18. With nowhere else to go, he came to Bratislava, where he spent time sleeping on the streets.

Now 21, Kristián regularly stays at Depaul Slovakia's St Vincent de Paul night shelter.

For Kristián, the night shelter is a place where he can have respite from sleeping on the streets. "Here, you can hide from the outside world, take a shower, get some sleep, socialise and continue on your way," he says. "Showering is very important and essential to me because that's where you calm down, warm up, and go

out amongst people feeling more confident and full of energy."

Kristián dreams of his future, and Depaul Slovakia are on hand to help him fulfil his dreams. "I have a realistic dream, a more down-to-earth one. It's a dream I really want to achieve," he says. "I want to have a family, a house somewhere secluded – somewhere there's peace and quiet. I dream of taking a nice porcelain mug out of the cupboard, making myself some tea, going out into the garden and letting the sun shine on me. I imagine such a nice, ordinary life. I dream of moving into my own place and making a comfortable home."

Depaul France

Since it was set up in 2014, Depaul France has supported thousands of people experiencing homelessness. Depaul France runs a day centre in Paris, as well as mobile shower services for those sleeping on the street. In 2025, Depaul France supported over 650 people.

On the tenth anniversary of the opening of L'Accueil Périchaux, Depaul France's day centre in Paris, a man came into the day centre and accepted a coffee. He was known to the staff since the day centre first opened as he slept rough nearby, but he had been cautious about accepting support. Since the first cup of coffee, he has begun to visit the day centre more often. Volunteers go to meet him, pushing his wheelchair to L'Accueil Périchaux, where he now eats his breakfast in the dining room. Every time he visits, staff make sure he feels welcome, and he has now accepted healthcare support from the day centre's nurse.

Meeting people where they are at and ensuring they know that they will be welcomed at L'Accueil Périchaux is at the heart of Depaul France's approach to supporting those experiencing homelessness. The small staff team works to build trust with those visiting L'Accueil Périchaux, ensuring that the atmosphere is friendly and hospitable. At L'Accueil Périchaux, those experiencing homelessness can receive a hot meal, use laundry services and shower facilities, and receive haircuts. In 2025, 253 people accessed the day centre, and there were over 7,300 visits.

Accessing healthcare can also be difficult for those sleeping on the street, and Depaul France aims to remove barriers by offering healthcare services at L'Accueil Périchaux. Clients can receive healthcare support from a doctor or nurse, as well as help to manage

their medications and can be accompanied on hospital visits. 91 people received healthcare support in 2025.

For many visitors to L'Accueil Périchaux, homelessness is an isolating and lonely experience. Depaul France addresses this by running activities which foster social connections. This includes taking clients on retreats, giving them a much-needed break from sleeping on the street and an opportunity for rest and relaxation. Trips in 2025 included clients staying at a Cistercian Abbey, where the days were filled with walks, gardening and games of pétanque.

In 2025, Depaul France marked the tenth anniversary of L'Accueil Périchaux opening. They held a week of celebratory activities, including a special lunch for clients.

Depaul France also runs the Mobil'douche, a mobile shower service for those experiencing homelessness. At the Mobil'douche, people can use shower facilities and be signposted to specialist services. It also helps people to regain their confidence. There were 1,006 visits to the Mobil'douches in 2025, with 398 people accessing the services. As homelessness levels remain high in Paris, Depaul France are looking to expand the Mobil'douche service further, to ensure even more people can benefit from this support. They are hoping to open a third service in 2026, which will serve those experiencing homelessness in the centre of Paris.



A client of Depaul France at the L'Accueil Périchaux day centre in Paris.

Gerard's story

Gerard has experienced homelessness for over ten years. He spent time sleeping on trains, taking the train from Paris to Lyon, where he would have breakfast, and then return to Paris during the day.

However, when L'Accueil Périchaux, Depaul France's day centre, opened, Gerard was one of the first people through the door. At L'Accueil Périchaux, Gerard is able to share meals with others, use the shower and laundry facilities. He can also access healthcare when he needs it. For Gerard, L'Accueil Périchaux provides more than meals and facilities – it's a place where he can chat to others and make new friends, which has been vital to rebuilding his confidence.

When L'Accueil Périchaux marked its ten-year anniversary, Gerard shared his experience at a special celebration lunch. "I've been coming to Depaul for some time now," he said. "I want to say thank you for being there. Thank you for the cups of coffees and shower facilities. The board games. It's a good place to come to, I've met good people."

In his speech, Gerard highlighted the welcoming atmosphere of the day centre, which is a contrast to the isolation often felt whilst experiencing homelessness. "You accepted me as I am and put up with me when I wasn't at my best and kept welcoming me back," he says. "I don't know what else to say except thank you for being there."

Depaul UK

In 1989, Depaul UK was set up in response to the growing number of young people sleeping rough in London. Today, Depaul UK runs homelessness services across the country, providing life-changing support to young people and individuals whose needs fall outside of mainstream services. In 2025, Depaul UK supported over 3,860 people.

At Depaul UK's supported accommodation services, young people receive more than just a roof over their head. Support from a progression coach helps them to prepare for independent living, with a personalised approach helping young people to rebuild their lives by addressing their mental health, and identifying their goals and the steps they need to take to reach them. For Chris, a resident at Depaul UK's supported accommodation, this support has enabled him to pursue his talents. His progression coach aided Chris to secure funding to join the local cricket club. Chris's dedication to cricket led him to receive the Spirit of Cricket Award, which recognised his talent and commitment to the game. Chris's story highlights how Depaul UK's provision of tailored support helps clients to unlock their full potential. This personalised approach underpinned Depaul UK's work in 2025, with 3,867 people supported across all their services.

Throughout the year, Depaul UK's supported accommodation provision saw significant expansion. In Warrington, Depaul UK addressed gaps in homelessness provision in the borough by opening 12 new supported housing units. The service offers a supportive environment for young people with complex needs and care leavers aged over 18 who require assistance. Six of the housing units are fully wheelchair accessible, and there is 24-hour on-site support. Meanwhile, in South Durham, Depaul UK opened ten supported

living flats across two locations for people who have been sleeping rough. In 2025, 935 people resided at Depaul UK's supported accommodation services.

Depaul UK also continued to support those sleeping rough into accommodation, expanding their A Bed Every Night (ABEN) service in Oldham. ABEN is a multi-agency approach linking outreach workers with accommodation services to support those experiencing homelessness off the streets. At ABEN, every resident has their own room, and a communal space helps to foster social connections. Turning Point, a local drug and alcohol service, visits weekly to support those experiencing addiction. In 2025, Depaul UK added eight new beds to ABEN, and supported 246 people across all their emergency accommodation services.

In 2025, Depaul UK released a study which found that 47% of young people in England were worried they would become homeless in the next 12 months. To prevent homelessness, Depaul UK runs early intervention services, including school workshops and family mediation. Through school workshops, children learn to identify risk factors in their lives, from conflict to decision-making. Depaul UK can also connect young people with their family mediation service, with families to better communicate. This relieves the pressures that destabilise families and helps to prevent young people from experiencing homelessness.

A Depaul UK staff member with a client.



Marina's story

Marina is a 24-year-old care leaver who is rebuilding her life in Depaul UK's supported accommodation for young people with complex mental health needs.

Through complex circumstances, Marina entered foster care at nine years old. By the time Marina reached her 18th birthday, she had been placed with nine different foster carers.

As she moved through early adulthood, the instability continued, and Marina's mental health deteriorated. Already anxious about her care leaver support ending on her 25th birthday, she spiralled into depression after a difficult attempt to reconnect with a family member.

Now, Marina lives at Depaul UK's supported accommodation. "The

shared space feels warm," she says. "We even have a sensory room with bean bags and a view. I feel like the environment of the house is settled. It doesn't feel like formal shared accommodation, like other places I have been or seen."

Marina receives trauma-informed, person-centred support from Depaul UK's Mental Health Support team. Through activities, mindful meditation, and calm one-to-one conversations, they help young people feel safe, supported, and listened to.

Marina has also formed a close bond with her mental health support worker. "She's very easy to talk to," Marina says. "I end up leaving the conversation feeling better. There's always a resolution or things just feel calmer. I feel a bit more, I don't know, grounded."

Depaul Ukraine

In 2007, Depaul Ukraine's work began with one small minivan supporting children sleeping on the streets of Kharkiv. After scaling their services in response to 2022's full-scale invasion, Depaul Ukraine has implemented a strategy which addresses the rough sleeping crisis, prevents homelessness and strengthens community resilience. In 2025, Depaul Ukraine supported over 16,000 people.

"It's as if you unload an emotional weight. You leave a meeting with the psychologists and... you get the desire to do something, you feel inspired." These are the words of a client who received support from Depaul Ukraine's mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services. At Depaul Ukraine, specialist psychologists support those impacted by conflict to process their trauma and develop coping mechanisms, utilising therapeutic methods including art therapy.

As the war continues, this targeted mental health support is vital. Untreated trauma can pose long-term risks and mental health is a driver of homelessness through reducing people's ability to cope with daily life. In 2025, Depaul Ukraine continued to expand their mental health services, ensuring support reached communities where provision is limited. In Kharkiv region, a mobile team of psychologists visited rural frontline communities which have no other access to mental health support. The team supported over 700 people during 2025. Meanwhile, a new mobile team launched in South Ukraine – a direct response to gaps in provision identified by Depaul Ukraine. The specialist team delivered psychosocial support to 380 adults in Mykolaiv and Kherson regions.

Depaul Ukraine is the leading organisation responding to homelessness in the country, and 2025 saw them expand their offer to include more housing. In Odesa, the team opened the only housing-led project for

women sleeping rough in Ukraine. Tailored support addresses the specific vulnerabilities of women, particularly their experience of gender-based violence, and stable housing is a vital foundation to rebuilding their confidence. In Kyiv, Depaul Ukraine runs a housing-led pilot project for men sleeping rough, where clients receive housing and support from a social worker tailored to their needs.

A report by Depaul Ukraine found that one in ten of those experiencing homelessness are formerly imprisoned people. Depaul Ukraine runs a homelessness prevention programme in prisons, supporting those who are at risk of experiencing homelessness upon their release. Clients receive support such as legal advice, document restoration and social work, which includes reconnecting them to their families and support after release to find accommodation. In 2025, Depaul Ukraine worked in 19 prisons across Kharkiv, Kyiv and Odesa regions. 825 clients were supported, with 1,048 social support sessions and 720 legal advice consultations provided.

In 2025, Ukraine started the most significant reforms to its housing legislation in four decades. Depaul Ukraine has made progress influencing these housing laws to account for homelessness. To support this work, the team held a roundtable event to discuss social housing solutions to homelessness. The event helped to ensure that a specific commitment to ending homelessness was included in Ukraine's housing law framework.



A session run by Depaul Ukraine's team of mobile psychologists in Mykolaiv.

Hennadii's story

Hennadii lived in Kyiv and worked at a warehouse supplying local schools. When the full-scale invasion began, schools switched to online learning and the warehouse's services were no longer needed. Hennadii lost his job, and eventually his documents.

He found temporary work, managing to save money to rent a bed in a hostel. But sometimes things got tough, and when he couldn't find work, he had no money for accommodation.

Then, he learned about Depaul Ukraine. For six months, Hennadii used Depaul's free overnight shelter services. With the support of Depaul's social workers, he managed to restore his passport.

Hennadii has been living in Depaul's supported accommodation since May. Since then, many important changes have taken place in his life. He has found stable employment, and rebuilt his relationship with his daughter, who lives with her mother in another city.

"I feel good knowing I can now buy things for my daughter," Hennadii says. "Before the start of the school year, I bought her some gifts. This really motivates me."

Hennadii says that living in the apartment has given him more than just a roof over his head. It's improved his sense of self-worth. "This project has truly changed my life," he says. "I feel like a normal person again."

Depaul USA

In 2009, Depaul USA opened their first service, a single housing project in Philadelphia. Since then, Depaul USA has expanded across the country, and now has services in 12 cities coast-to-coast. In 2025, Depaul USA served 7,690 people experiencing homelessness.

“Having a stable place to stay isn’t just about shelter. It’s about dignity. It’s about peace of mind. It’s about having a quiet space to hear your own dreams again. The monthly gift cards for groceries meant I didn’t have to choose between eating and surviving. And the check-ins with my housing case manager? Those weren’t just formalities. They reminded me that someone cared enough to ask, ‘How are you really doing?’ With that foundation, I rebuilt myself.”

These are the words of a student supported by Depaul USA’s Dax Program, which provides housing for students experiencing homelessness. It’s just one example of how, despite serving 12.9% more people in 2025 compared to 2024, treating every individual with the compassion and care they deserve remained at the heart of Depaul USA’s approach to addressing homelessness. This approach continued to be innovative and locally led, with solutions tailored to the needs of the communities Depaul USA serves. 2025 saw Depaul USA expand their services in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, opening a shelter service. The service, which provides 35 beds for those experiencing homelessness, fills a vital gap left by the closure of shelters run by other agencies.

Depaul USA’s day centres, which are critical entry points towards stability and housing, continued to go from strength to strength. At Depaul USA’s four day centres, those experiencing homelessness can be connected to housing opportunities, as well as receive employment support and help

accessing addiction recovery programmes. In 2025, the number of visits to day centres increased by 16.6% to 105,409, with the Casa Milagrosa day centre in Los Angeles seeing nine more people using the service each week compared to 2024. Across all day centres, Depaul USA supported 322 people to secure more stable housing.

Elsewhere, Depaul USA also expanded their permanent supportive housing programmes, which provide stable homes for individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness. In Philadelphia, Depaul USA responded to a lack of provision in the city by opening Old First House. At Old First House, 35 units of housing are available for those experiencing homelessness. Depaul USA also opened Zoé House in St Louis. After a team of dedicated volunteers renovated the building, a refugee family of ten moved in. Zoé House provides the family with a stable environment where the family can work towards long-term independence, with a focus on saving towards future home ownership.

In 2025, the Dax Program, Depaul USA’s model for addressing student homelessness, also grew. As well as housing, students supported by the Dax Program can also receive career counselling, life skills workshops and financial assistance. 10 new beds were added to the Dax Program in Los Angeles, whilst new partnerships with California community colleges and National Louis University in Chicago expanded access across these regions.



Depaul USA staff member and client at Leavenworth Attainable Housing.

Victor's story

Victor began volunteering at Casa Milagrosa, Depaul USA’s day centre in Los Angeles, through the Re-Employability programme. The programme supports people with injuries to participate in meaningful work with charities whilst they recover.

When Victor’s programme ended, he continued to volunteer at Casa Milagrosa, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to Depaul USA’s work. He also helped to prepare new houses for Depaul USA’s Dax Program, which houses students experiencing homelessness.

Then, Casa Milagrosa staff learned that Victor had been volunteering despite facing homelessness himself. He had been living temporarily in a small trailer, but when the trailer was reclaimed,

Victor was left without a stable place to sleep.

Casa Milagrosa’s staff immediately stepped into help. They assisted Victor in finding a low-income apartment nearby, and they connected him with a programme that covered his deposit and first month’s rent. In July, Victor successfully moved into his new apartment: a powerful example of the full-circle support that Depaul USA provides.

Since moving into his home, Victor is still committed to volunteering at Casa Milagrosa. He helps with cleaning, and also acts as an outreach ambassador at his local church, encouraging parishioners to bring in-kind donations to Casa Milagrosa.

Looking ahead

As this report shows, 2025 saw significant progress as we continued to deliver our strategy to address homelessness. Yet, 2026 will be a crucial year as sadly the numbers of those experiencing homelessness worldwide continue to rise. Millions of people globally are without a safe and stable home, and, in response to this, we will deliver major projects across all themes of our strategy. This will help us to end homelessness for more people in more places.

We will continue the delivery of our Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) project, a cross-country initiative between Depaul International, Depaul UK, Depaul Ireland and Depaul USA. During 2026, we will develop and deliver a set of high-quality training sessions to train service staff in ACT. This will enable ACT approaches to be implemented and trialled in various Depaul Group services. We will work with Clarus, our learning partner, to evaluate the effectiveness of ACT within these services.

We remain committed to implementing locally-led approaches to supporting those experiencing homelessness worldwide. During 2026, we will strengthen our partnership with the Vincentian Foundation in the Philippines and make significant preparations towards the launch of Depaul

Philippines. Depaul Philippines will be the newest Depaul member in nearly ten years and is set to launch in December 2026.

2025 saw us develop and begin to deliver our new advocacy strategy, and in 2026 we will launch our first flagship global report, The Case for Action on Global Homelessness. The report will outline the relationship between homelessness and global development issues including health, education and climate resilience. We will use the report to advocate for homelessness to be included in global development agendas, and we will present the report's findings at global events including the World Urban Forum.

In 2026, we will lead a cross-Group initiative to strengthen client involvement. This includes a webinar to highlight existing Depaul Group initiatives and the third round of our Exchange Programme focused on client involvement. The Exchange Programme is a knowledge exchange which gives staff the opportunity to visit and learn from another Depaul Group member organisation.

As ever, we will continue to be guided by our Vincentian Values and remain committed to placing those we support at the heart of everything we do.

work would not be possible. Every day, they support people experiencing homelessness with deep compassion and care. Their work is inspiring, and it is thanks to them that we have been able to transform the lives of more than 549,500 people since 1989.

Thank you

2025 saw our teams continue to respond to the growing global challenge of homelessness. Our people are our most valuable resource and are integral to turning our ambition of ending homelessness into reality. Without the dedication and commitment of our staff and volunteers, our

The commitment and generosity of our donors and funders has also been vital to enabling us to deliver effective programmes, develop innovative solutions and influence the systems that contribute to homelessness. We are particularly grateful to the partners whose support is helping us turn our ambition into lasting change.

LetterOne

LetterOne's strategic partnership with Depaul is supporting both practical solutions and systemic change, including our ACT programme and advocacy work with the Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH), helping to strengthen global responses to homelessness and advance solutions that can be shared and scaled.

London Homelessness Foundation

London Homelessness Foundation's longstanding partnership with Depaul combines funding, expertise and shared learning, supporting the development of innovative responses to homelessness and strengthening our work across Europe, including in Ukraine.

UBS Optimus Foundation

The UBS Optimus Foundation has supported Depaul Ukraine to provide vital housing, financial and psychosocial support to people affected by the conflict, helping individuals and families move towards greater stability, recovery and resilience.



A Depaul USA volunteer supporting a client in New Orleans.

The Depaul Group – made up internationally of eight charities and overseen by Depaul International – exists because we believe everyone deserves the dignity and security of a place to call home. We are locally governed and locally run and committed to ending homelessness and improving the lives of the people affected by it. Depaul International also manages the FHA and the Depaul Group has a key strategic relationship with the IGH.

Depaul International oversees the Group, ensuring the highest standards of service provision, governance, finance and helping develop capacity in areas including fundraising, communications and safeguarding. We establish new members to the Group in countries where we can make a difference – where there is a lack of services and where people and communities who are marginalised need our help.

Our local to global structure makes us ideally placed to join up evidence and innovation, identify emerging trends, analyse best practice – including what has worked to end homelessness – and share this knowledge internationally. We are agile to emerging global issues, can mobilise the necessary expertise to deliver effective services and, together with the IGH and the FHA, we speak out and act on global homelessness. We remain committed to developing solutions that work, driving the conversation on homelessness to influence policy and public opinion, advocating for system change, and achieving a world where homelessness is unthinkable.

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