



Forum

MANAGEMENT OF HOMESHARE

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HOMESHARE PROGRAMS

Definition

Homeshare programs we are discussing are what the Americans call agency assisted programs offering match up services between Home Providers (or Householders) and Home Seekers (Homesharers) using a counseling model.



Four types of Homeshare programs

1. Older persons Homeshare - OPH
2. Younger persons Homeshare - YPH
3. Student-senior Homeshare - SSH
4. Specialist Homeshare programs



Managing Homeshare

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2. HOW is Homeshare managed?
3. WHAT resources and supports are available to the program?
4. WHERE is the program located?



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The Organisation

- Focused on supporting people to live at home with dignity
- Homeshare complements and 'fits' with existing services
- complexity and value of Homeshare understood .

The Team

- Value of having a team with shared purpose
- Leadership creative, enabling and supportive
- Experienced and skilled staff

The Practice

- Building on local & international Homeshare experience
- Value of person centred practice
- Novel approach with new roles – inter-generational, inter-cultural, 'match making; informal 'carer' development.



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