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## **Adelaide recognised globally for its bid to end street homelessness**

Adelaide has been named as one of a select number of cities worldwide to be recognised for its pioneering efforts in working towards a goal of ending street homelessness.

The Adelaide CBD will join a select group of ‘vanguard cities’ on six continents to partner with the Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH) in setting ambitious but achievable goals to solve the problem of homelessness as part of the [A Place to Call Home campaign](#).

In announcing Adelaide as one of the ‘vanguard cities’, Dame Louise Casey, a driving force behind the establishment of the IGH, says South Australia’s efforts will help shape the global response to street homelessness.

“It is significant recognition of Adelaide’s move to achieve functional zero homelessness<sup>1</sup> in the CBD,” Dame Louise says.

The Adelaide Zero Project was announced by the Don Dunstan Foundation in August this year, supported by the State Government, the City of Adelaide, Flinders and Adelaide universities, Bendigo Bank and a host of community organisations.

“Homelessness is a global challenge but it is an eminently solvable problem – seven communities in the United States have already achieved a functional end to homelessness,” Casey says.

“By setting up a network of ‘vanguard cities’ we will strengthen the global efforts to end street homelessness.

“Ending street homelessness is a problem which can be solved if we disseminate learning and success to motivate local leaders and inspire others to act.”

The Institute of Global Homelessness is a partnership between DePaul University in Chicago, USA, and Depaul International, a London-based organization, which supports a global effort to support 150 cities to end street homelessness by 2030.

“The vision of [A Place to Call Home](#) is that within a generation, we will live in a world where everyone has a place to call home – a home that offers security, safety, autonomy and opportunity,” Dame Louise says.

In Adelaide, about 100 people are sleeping rough each night in the CBD.

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<sup>1</sup> Functional zero homelessness is reached when the number of people who are homeless in a city on any given night is no greater than the housing placement availability for that night. This focuses on the need for housing supply to match demand in the short term, and in the longer term.

“It’s a real coup for Adelaide to be named the only ‘vanguard city’ in Australia, and to be a leader in an historic effort to end street homelessness worldwide,” Don Dunstan Foundation Executive Director David Pearson says.

“As a ‘vanguard city’, we’ll receive significant support from IGH which will help us take the best knowledge from our peers internationally about what works and apply that here in Adelaide,” Mr. Pearson says.

Lord Mayor Martin Haese says a city can be judged by how it treats those less fortunate and the City of Adelaide is proud to collaborate with the State Government, private sector, and community partners, to lead the way in achieving Functional Zero homelessness.

Bendigo Bank has proudly joined the Adelaide Zero Project as the Principal Partner. The Bank’s State Manger SA/NT, Joe Formichella says working for the benefit of our customers and the community is an integral part of how we do business.

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