

The Housing Outreach and Development Worker

This position resulted from the 2008 campaign by the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre to bring a dedicated Housing Support worker in Newtown. In 2008, we found that over one third of the people using the front counter at the Centre were there to seek help with housing problems.

The City of Sydney clearly recognised this growing area of need. Thanks to a Community Services grant from the City Of Sydney, in 2009 we have a Housing Outreach and Development Work available two days per week at the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre.

The Housing Outreach and Development Worker works with the local community and services to develop a coordinated response to the housing crisis and resources to assist those experiencing homelessness and insecure housing. Most importantly, the position provides direct housing casework where possible.

By working with directly with those most affected by the housing crisis, and with community housing providers, government agencies, related community services and the general community, the Housing Outreach Worker Position in 2009 aims to develop a more comprehensive and effective approach to tackling this dire community problem.

If you are experiencing difficulties with housing, would like advice or a referral to a Housing provider, the Housing Outreach and Development Worker is available at the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

