



HOMELESS WORLD CUP FOUNDATION CHARTER

The HWCF Charter sets out the values of the international homeless movement. All partners that are part of the HWCF Network must adhere to the following HWCF Charter:

- **Respecting and Understanding Homelessness.** We know that homelessness manifests itself differently from country to country. There is no international definition for homelessness. Each country has a different definition which we respect. Some countries deny that they have any homelessness and we will campaign for them to recognise the problem.
- **Football for Social Development.** As an international language, football has the power to change lives. We use it as a tool to engage homeless and socially excluded people to participate in locally based development programmes, which all link to the wider international HWCF Network and the global movement.
- **Empowering.** We believe in the concept of a hand up rather than a handout. Personal development programmes that ensure homeless people are at the centre of their own progress fosters a greater degree of self-determination to control one's own life.
- **Safeguarding.** We believe safeguarding must be prioritised to ensure participants are protected from harm, including all forms of exploitation, abuse and harassment.
- **Respecting Staff and Volunteers.** Both local partner and HWCF staff and volunteers are an integral part of the Network. We respect and value their support in every aspect of our work.
- **Fair play.** We believe in fair play and designing competitions to be inclusive as well as competitive. We respect the rules of the game, the people who administer them and the players who participate.
- **Inclusion.** We believe strongly in diversity and equality and operate a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory programme that actively encourages individuals, regardless of sex, age, race, religion, disability and sexual orientation.
- **Belonging.** Homelessness is different from 'houselessness'. We believe in creating a sense of belonging wherever people are.
- **Identity.** We believe in creating an identity for the players through all our work. Within the Network, we create a dynamic space where players can share experiences with others from around the world and be proud to be part of a global constructive movement.
- **Environmentally Responsible.** We take environmental considerations seriously and work continuously to minimise our operational impact on the environment.

