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CONFLICTING RATIONALITIES AND THE GOVERNANCE OF HOMELESSNESS IN WARD 64

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The Research

Collaboration Between Cllr Kuhl and the UCT Knowledge Co-Op

- To assist elected officials struggling to operate between various levels, spheres and entities of governance.

Theory of Conflicting Rationalities

- To understand the ways in which various stakeholders interact within what she calls “zones of contestation and encounter.”

Nodal Governance Framework

- *Mentalities*
- *Technologies*
- *Resources*
- *Institutions*

The Potential

Geographically Separate

Contextually different from Cape Town City Centre

All the building-blocks for a a coordinated developmental approach to the governance of homelessness

- *Shelters*
- *Service Centre*
- *Rehabilitation Centre*
- *Food Programmes*
- *Committed individuals and Councilors*
- *Experience*

The Challenges

Working in Silos

Crime

The Public

Street-based People as Stakeholders

Recommendations for Local Networked Approach to the Governance of Homelessness

Jointly set out guidelines

Transparency about programmes and expansions

Inclusion of HOMAC representatives

Administrative Coordinator either jointly funded by those in the network or from within the SPU

Recommendations for Managing the Effects of Crime on the Governance of Homelessness

WhatsApp group through which threats and violence against street-based individuals can be reported and responded to.

Channels through which street-based people can report crime (happening to them or around them)

Sensitivity training for staff at the Muizenberg clinic

Recommendations for public participation in the problem of homelessness

A unified approach to homelessness is “not only about the homeless but about the greater community as well”

Public Education Campaigns

Direct Interaction

Open-door policy for street-based people at churches supported by information for congregants

Recommendations for the City of Cape Town

Pressure must be applied for the release of the Street People Policy

HOMAC representatives should be elected with due diligence by all those they will represent and should be given a vote in council

Smaller, local NGOS should be supported and protected with probationary funding made available for innovative pilot projects

A local context-specific approach to the governance of homelessness is more appropriate and achievable than a rigid one size fits all policy