

# Homeless battle housing barriers, old stereotypes

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Linda Beardy never dreamed she'd be homeless. She works, attends university and sleeps on a friend's couch.

A mother with a grown son, Beardy is starting all over again from scratch at 47 -- not that it shows. Her face is unlined, her clothes pressed and clean. Beardy appears prosperous with her short-cropped frosted hair, perfect makeup and immaculate nail polish.

The truth is the receptionist can't afford the average \$615 a month in rent for a low-income, one-bedroom apartment.

Beardy's situation defies stereotypes about the homeless. That's why the Winnipeg Rental Network, a loose coalition of service agencies and neighbourhood associations, called a meeting Friday to brainstorm ways to get more affordable housing for individuals like her.

For the full story, [click here](#).

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