

Annual Conference

25/26 November 2021

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CHC Annual Conference 2021

The worst of the pandemic is - hopefully - behind us, but the lessons of Wales' stark inequality are still vivid. Combined with the terrible individual and societal consequences of the widely expected economic downturn, the ever increasing need for urgent action on climate change, and the legacy of Covid-19 on the nation's health and well-being, the challenges facing Wales and its communities are serious and urgent.

What is the role of housing associations in helping to solve these challenges? Where might we lead, where might we partner, and where might we lend our resources, expertise and connections to others? Which relationships do we need to nurture to help us achieve our shared ambitions, and what is our place in this new landscape? What did we learn about ourselves during the crisis that can help equip us for the future? What do we want to grow and take with us, and what might we leave behind?

Through our Annual Conference, we want to stimulate informed debate of these big challenging questions, ensuring that our audience leaves with a refreshed sense of shared purpose and renewed ambition in a changed world.

Rhea Stevens, Head of Policy & External Affairs, Community Housing Cymru

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- Dr Katie Pybus, Covid Realities project, University of York
- Professor Uzo Iwobi, Founder of Race Council Cymru and leader for Black History Wales 365

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- David Clubb, Next Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales and Director of Afallen.

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- Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner

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- Geoff Lloyd, multi award-winning radio host and podcaster

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9.30am	Registration, networking and exhibition viewing
10.00am	Welcome and scene setting
10.15am	<p>Looking back and looking ahead: tenants' viewpoints</p> <p>Kicking off our conference, we will hear from a panel of tenants on their experience of the pandemic and the role that their home played. Driving the debates that follow, the panel will consider the impact on their communities, their hopes and worries for the future, and the role they think housing associations can play in improving these.</p> <p>Panel: Sheila Powell, ClwydAlyn Didi Ketter, Cardiff Community Housing Association Catherine Shaw, Barcud</p> <p>Chair: Rob Osbourne, National Correspondent, ITV Wales @robosborne Wales</p>
11.00am	<p>Ministerial Address and Q&A</p> <p>Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change</p> <p>At the beginning of a new Welsh Government term, and in light of the challenges posed by the pandemic, climate change, and the economic downturn in particular, delegates will hear the Welsh Government's priorities and the role of housing in helping Wales' fair, green recovery.</p>
11.40am	A chance for a cuppa and a chat - Coffee and Chat room kindly sponsored by SamKat

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11.50am	<p>Main Session: A fairer economic recovery (pre-recorded session) Professor Anand Menon, Director, UK in Changing Europe @anandMenon1</p> <p>In this keynote session, Professor Menon will offer a perspective on the changing shape of the union post-Brexit and Wales' place in this new dynamic. He will consider what this means for the economic outlook for Wales and the UK.</p> <p>Professor Menon is Director of the UK in a Changing Europe and Professor of European Politics and Foreign Affairs at King's College London. He has written widely on many aspects of EU politics and policy and on UK-EU relations. He is a frequent contributor to the media on matters relating to British relations with the EU.</p>
12.15pm	<p>Panel discussion: A fairer economic recovery</p> <p>Reflecting on the issues and ideas raised in the keynote by Minister and Professor Menon, the panel will debate ideas for rebuilding fairer local, regional and national economies, and pitch their priorities for the contribution of housing to the recovery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Brewer, Chief Economist and Deputy Chief Executive of the Resolution Foundation @MikeBrewerEcon • Professor Gillian Bristow, Head of the School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University @gillianbristow1 • Katherine Trebeck, Senior Strategic Advisor, Wellbeing Economic Alliance @KTrebeck
1.00pm	<p>Lunch break and networking</p>

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1.45pm	<p>Main Session: Overcoming health inequalities Dr Jo Bibby, Director of Health, The Health Foundation @JoBibbyTHF</p> <p>In this keynote session, Dr Jo Bibby will share findings of the Health Foundation's Covid-19 impact inquiry, Unequal pandemic, fairer recovery, drawing out the lessons of the past eighteen months for Wales and the rest of the UK. She will reflect on the tools available to housing associations to address health inequalities in our communities, and share reflections on priorities for public policy</p> <p>Jo is responsible for leading the Foundation's Healthy Lives strategy to create the opportunities for everyone to lead a healthy life.</p> <p>Joining the Foundation in November 2007, Jo initially led the Foundation's influential portfolio of work in patient safety and person-centred care.</p>
2.15pm	<p>Panel discussion: Overcoming health inequalities</p> <p>Reflecting on the issues and ideas raised by Dr Jo Bibby and lessons from the Covid-19 impact inquiry, the panel will debate housing's contribution to addressing health inequalities. In particular, the panel will consider how to create the conditions in which partnerships between health partners and housing associations can deliver maximum benefit to the communities they serve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhun ap Iorwerth MS, Spokesperson on health and social care, Plaid Cymru @RhunapIorwerth • Helena Herklots, Older People's Commissioner for Wales @HelenaHerklots • Kelechi Nnoaham, Executive Director of Public Health, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board @KelechiNnoaham • Darren Hughes, Director of Welsh Confederation @WelshConfed
3.15pm	<p>Conference reflections and end of Day One</p>

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10.15am	<p>Addressing inequalities Dr Fran Darlington-Pollock, Chair of Equality Trust @F_Darlington</p> <p>In this keynote session Dr Darlington-Pollock will reflect on the unequal impact of the pandemic on communities across Wales and the UK. She will set out priorities for reducing social and economic inequality, and explore the tools available to housing associations - as social landlords, as employers, as local economic actors - to make the greatest possible difference to the communities they serve.</p> <p>Dr Fran Darlington-Pollock is a Lecturer in Population Geography in the Department of Geography and Planning at the University of Liverpool. As a population and health geographer, Fran's research focuses on understanding inequality in society, with a particular interest in marginalised populations and transitions over the life course. Fran's PhD explored ethnic inequalities in health (University of Leeds) and she also holds a BA (Hons) in Politics and MSc in Social and Spatial Inequalities (University of Sheffield). She is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers, and of the Higher Education Academy.</p>
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11.00am	<p>Panel discussion: Addressing inequalities</p> <p>Reflecting on the issues and ideas raised by Dr Darlington-Pollock and the tenant viewpoints heard at the start of the conference, the panel will reflect on inequalities exposed by the pandemic and debate the action needed to create a more equal and fair society. The panel will discuss priorities for public policy, and consider the contribution that housing associations can make - independently and in partnership - to a fairer, more equal Wales.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Andrea Lewis, Spokesperson on Housing, WLGA @CllrAndreaLewis • Dr Katie Pybus, Covid Realities project, University of York @CovidRealities @kjpybus • Professor Uzo Iwobi, Founder of Race Council Cymru and leader for Black History Wales 365 @UzoIwobi
12.00pm	Lunch break and networking
12.45pm	<p>A fair, green recovery Dr David Clubb, Next Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales and Director of Afallen @davidoclubb</p> <p>In this keynote session, Dr David Clubb will make the case for a radical transformation of society that targets inequality and tackles the climate emergency through green infrastructure. They will explore the contribution of political leadership, public policy, organisations, communities and individuals to achieving this vision.</p> <p>David is Afallen's expert on digital strategy and renewable energy, having developed both sets of skills in parallel through a successful career which took him from Spain to Denmark, and from the south-west of England to the north-east. His previous role was as Director of the trade body for renewable energy in Wales, RenewableUK Cymru.</p>
1.15pm	A chance for a cuppa and a chat - Coffee and Chat room kindly sponsored by SamKat



1.30pm	<p>Panel discussion: Climate change and green recovery</p> <p>Rising to the challenge of the keynote, the panel will debate how to tackle the climate emergency with the urgency and at the scale required. In particular, they will discuss the contributions of housing associations as social landlords, community anchor organisations and local economic actors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie-Ann Haines, Chief Executive, Principality @PrincipalityBS Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner @sophiehowe
2.15pm	Delegates can choose from a selection of workshops
3.00pm	A chance for a cuppa and a chat - Coffee and Chat room kindly sponsored by SamKat
3.15pm	<p>Reasons to be Cheerful</p> <p>Geoff Lloyd, multi award-winning radio host and podcaster @GeoffLloyd</p> <p>Our final speaker is host of the “Reasons to be Cheerful” podcast along with co-host Ed Miliband. Each week they take a brighter look at the world we live in, and find out what’s shaping our futures for the better.</p> <p>“Cheerful” brings together people and ideas to create a space for the game-changing policies and movements from around the world which are tackling our most pressing issues head-on. After two days of hearing about the challenges facing us as organisations, Geoff will remind delegates that there are reasons to be cheerful and “Cheerful” is a space for big ideas.</p> <p>Geoff Lloyd is a radio and TV broadcaster best-known for his multi award-winning shows for Virgin/ Absolute Radio where he worked between 1999 and 2017. Geoff’s time there saw him emerge as a podcast pioneer (the first daily show to be made available in podcast format from one of the major radio groups). After leaving Virgin/Absolute, Geoff began working at Universal Music Group as a podcast consultant.</p>
4.00pm	Conference reflections and close

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