

Governance Conference

25 March 2022

Learn. Connect. Grow.

CHC Governance Conference **2022**



This year's Governance Conference is built around the seven principles of the Code of Governance. After a time of change and upheaval, we want to focus on supporting housing associations to deliver the core principles of good governance. We want to celebrate our differences and what brings us together as a sector.

We will take the seven principles and reflect on what they mean to individual organisations and to the sector as a whole. These principles are:

Purpose
Leadership
Integrity
Decision-making, risk and control
Board effectiveness
Equality, diversity and inclusion
Openness and accountability

We will discuss the actions we need to take in 2022 to build on our strengths and take advantage of new and emerging opportunities.

Laura Courtney
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Friday 25th March

8.45am	Registration, networking and exhibition viewing	
9.15am	Board Member Cafe - Getting Tingly about Governance Karl George MBE, Managing Director, The Governance Forum Karl George is a thought leader and internationally established consultant in governance. He is Managing Director of the governance forum and creator of the <i>Effective Board Member</i> programmes. He works with boards and senior executives in the private, public and voluntary sectors and has over twenty years combined experience in accountancy, business and strategic development. This session is designed to inspire us through reinvigorating our appreciation of the value of good governance and it's vital importance to successful organisations.	
10.00am	Welcome and Scene Setting - Conference Chair	
10.05am	Our vision for Wales, our vision for social housing In conversation: speaker to be confirmed Principle 1 of the Code of Governance relates to organisational purpose. This session is designed to provide inspiration and challenge in relation to our core purpose as a sector and as organisations.	

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10.30am	Panel Session - Horizon scanning perspectives for leaders in Wales Our second core governance principle is all about leadership. This panel session will provide us with a range of perspectives on the significant issues that sector leaders should keep in their sights, including lender and tenant relationships, the challenge of decarbonisation at scale and the backdrop of the public health and inequality challenges that face us in Wales. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piers Williamson, Chief Executive, The Housing Finance Corporation • Gill Kernick, Strategic Consultant, Grenfell Enquiry • Kelechi Nnoaham, Cwm Taf University Health Board
11.15am	A chance for a coffee and a chat
11.30am	Workshop Sessions These sessions will focus on the principles of integrity, decision making, risk and control, and board effectiveness. They will provide insights into what happens when things don't go as planned or the worst happens, input on effective working in a virtual environment and strategic approaches to scrutiny and challenge.
	The Board Challenge In this session delegates will discuss how to most effectively scrutinise reports, data and information, in order to inform the management of risk, assurance and decision making. Nigel Ireland, Barcud Shared Services Limited
	Board assurance: Quality and Standards Ark will lead a workshop which focuses on board assurance in relation to the crucial issues of the quality and standard of accommodation. The workshop will consider what we can learn from others as well as the key questions that the Board should consider.

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	<p>The Virtual Board</p> <p>In 2020, organisations had to swiftly adapt to a new way of working. Boards had to balance the unfamiliarity of going virtual with the pressures of protecting their organisations.</p> <p>In this session we will hear from Jenny Brown, Director at Altair on how to keep the Board working as a strategic leadership team in a virtual world and making sure that everyone has a voice and is engaged</p>
	Workshop focused on Integrity - speaker to be confirmed
12.30pm	Lunch and networking
1.30pm	<p>Anti-racism and racial inclusion as a Board priority</p> <p>In line with our core governance principles, housing association boards across Wales are taking action to proactively promote racial equality, diversity and inclusion.</p> <p>However, given the critical importance of housing associations as providers of homes, employers and anchor institutions in their communities, how can we be sure we are doing enough - and how can we ensure that we are bringing the lived experiences of our staff, tenants and communities effectively into our strategic decision making? What should we do to make sure this is given its due status as a vital business priority?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker TBC, Young Trustees Movement • Srabani Sen, CEO and Founder, Full Colour • Joseph Elliot, Senior Analyst, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

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2.30pm	A chance for a coffee and a chat	
2.45pm	Main Session - Why openness and accountability matters In this final session today Annie Machon will remind us why openness and accountability is critical for us as organisations and a sector to build confidence and trust. As a former MI5 intelligence officer and famed whistleblower, Annie has developed a rare per-spect-ive both on the inner work-ings of gov-ern-ments, intel-li-gence agen-cies and the media, as well as the wider implic-a-tions for the need for increased open-ness and account-ab-il-ity in both pub-lic and private sectors.	
3.15pm	Conference Reflections and Close - Conference Chair	

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